Cruft, John F.

Cruft more than a TH street

Biography

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When we hear such names as Fairbanks, Deming, or Rose, we think less of *who* these men were and more of what the names represent in our community — a school, a city park, or an avenue.

More than a century ago, many still were living productive lives in Terre Haute. Prominence and achievement made them a part of our heritage. The mark they left on Terre Haute is more important than a street sign.

Historical personage

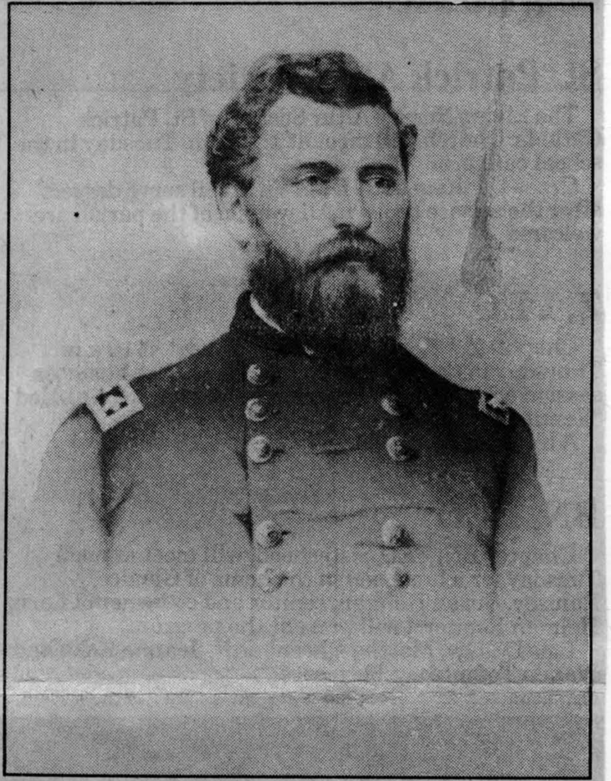
Charles Cruft is one such individual. Although family records are not readily available, the life of Charles Cruft can be pieced together from accounts of the Civil War, county histories, city directories, and census records. What emerges is an astounding record of achievement as a businessman, a Civil War veteran, and a community leader.

Born in Terre Haute in 1826, Cruft was the son of John F. Cruft, a New England merchant and an early pioneer of the Wabash Valley. Education must have been an important element in Cruft's life for he graduated from Wabash College in 1843 and returned to Terre Haute to teach. His teaching career was short-lived; he went on to study law under local attorney W.D. Griswold.

By 1848, Cruft was admitted to the bar and eventually practiced law with John P. Baird in Terre Haute. According to accounts, the firm had an excellent reputation: "That the brilliant genius of Col. Baird as a pleader and court advocate, was equalled only by General Cruft's ability as an advisor and counselor, and to the latter fell all the office details in the innumerable cases in which they acted."

Although Cruft's occupation as attorney would dominate much of his life in Terre Haute, his interest in education and other community pursuits continued. For 11 years (1861-1872) he owned one of the leading newspapers in the area, the Terre Haute Express. He also was one of the original members of the association which founded the Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1874. Cruft gave much support to this institution established "for the intellectual and practical education of young men."

Although a leading member of the community, perhaps Cruft's most noteworthy achievement was his service record during the Civil War. In September 1861, he organized the 31st Indiana Regiment at Camp Vigo, "which was located on the site of the old fair grounds, on North Seventh Street, immediately across from what is now known as Collett Park."



Cruft: Teacher, attorney, newspaper owner.

Cruft served as the first colonel of this regiment which participated in several significant battles during the war. After the battle of Shiloh, Cruft was appointed a brigadier general and was assigned to command the 20th Brigade of the Army of Ohio.

Although the report of the adjutant general chronicles Cruft's service record, some of the local accounts depict a romanticized, legendary version of the Civil War veteran: "Colonel Cruft headed the first regiment which had formed the right wing of General Buell's army at Calhoun and then on to Fort Donaldson. He was wounded three times. A bullet cut through his shoulder once, and a second time one lodged in his thigh, while a piece of shell stuck fast in his skull. He picked them out without dismounting from his horse, as cooly as a man would draw a splinter from his finger . . . "

A photograph of Gen. Charles Cruft is on display in the Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley. Cruft Street, south of College Avenue, still stands as a reminder of a man who, in his way, shaped local and national history.

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Charles Cruft: Decorated war hero

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Many men from Vigo County served in this nation's Civil War, but none received as much honor and recognition as Charles Cruft.

Cruft was born in Terre Haute on Jan. 12, 1826, to John and Elizabeth Cruft. His father was a pioneer merchant from New England.

Because public education did not exist in those days, John and Elizabeth gave their son an excellent private education. They then sent him to Wabash College where he graduated in the Class of 1843 at the age of 17.

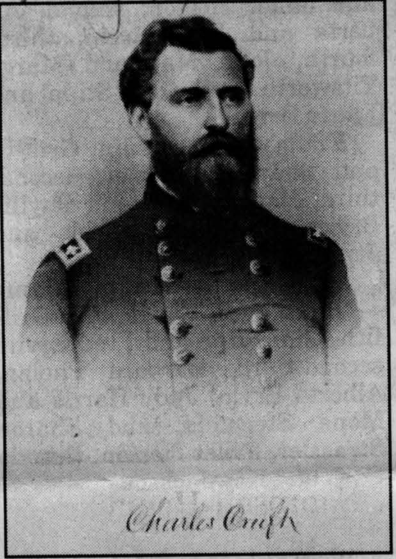
After graduation, Cruft taught school iatTerre Haute with his former teacher, Robert Groes, at a classical school, situated on the corner of Third and Ohio streets.

Later, he was employed at the State Bank, and then studied law in the office of W.D. Griswold. By 1848, he was admitted to the practice of law.

He later formed a partnership with John P. Baird, who was an expert "pleader" and court advocate. Cruft was outstanding as an advisor and counselor. This partnership was dissolved when the War Between the States started and both men volunteered their services to the war effort.

Upon his muster into service on Sept. 20, 1861, Cruft was given the rank of colonel of the 31st Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. The 31st was organized at Terre Haute and was mustered into service for three years.

The regiment was sent south by way of Evansville and on to its first camp at Calhoun, Ky., on the Green River. The soldiers remained there until they joined General Grant and his troops a few days before the siege on Fort Donelson. In that battle, 12 were killed, 52 were wounded and four were reported missing.



Charles Cruft

The next battle they fought was at Shiloh.

At Shiloh, the 31st held its position against repeated charges of the enemy. From 8:30 in the morning to 2:30 in the afternoon, the woods caught fire and burned many of the dead and wounded.

The 31st and their colonel were cited for remarkable gallantry. On July 16, 1862, Cruft was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

(After the war, a monument to the memory of the 31st Infantry regular volunteers was erected at the Shiloh National Military Park at Pittsburgh Landing.)

The 31st then was transferred to the engagement at Hamburg Road. In that battle, two officers and 19 men were killed, four officers and 110 men were wounded, and two men were reported missing.

War records show General Cruft fought in the battles at Stone River, Perrysville, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga (where his horse was shot out from under him), Kennesaw Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro and Franklin.

When Cruft visited Washington, D.C., after delivering his troops to General W.T. Sherman at Goldsboro, N.C., a brevet of the rank of major general was conferred on him by President Lincoln in March 1865.

According to a news article from The Tribune dated Aug. 28, 1907, Charles Cruft was the only person from Vigo County to attain this high rank "during the war of the rebellion."

Also from that article, the general then was "assigned to command the 20th Brigade of the Army of the Ohio after the battle of Shiloh. He subsequently had command of the First Division, 21st Army Corps, of the Army of the Cumberland . . . Later he commanded the first brigade of the second division of the Fourth Army Corps of the Army of the Cumberland, and was in command of the division during the famous battle above the clouds on Lookout Mountain, under 'Fighting Joe' Hooker. He organized and commanded the provisional division which was transferred to Sherman's command, and later assumed control of the District of Etowah, and still later had command of the department of East Tennessee, with headquarters at Greenville."

Accounts say when Cruft was wounded at the Battle of Pittsburgh Landing, he refused to leave the field until the close of the engagement even though he suffered much pain and loss of blood.

Another account tells of three wounds Cruft received at the siege on Fort Donelson. A bullet cut through his shoulder, and a second one lodged in his thigh, and the third wound was a shell fragment "stuck fast in his skull."

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When Major General Charles Cruft was mustered out of the Army at the close of the war, he reformed his partnership with Col. John P. Baird and resumed his law practice.

His peacetime activities included memberships in many organizations. He was an active Mason, a member of the G.A.R. and other military organizations.

Chauncey Rose appointed him to be one of the original members of the Rose Polytechnic board of directors.

At the time of his death on March 24, 1883, at the age of 57, he was president of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad and a judge on the bench. He lived at the northeast corner of Sixth and Oak streets.

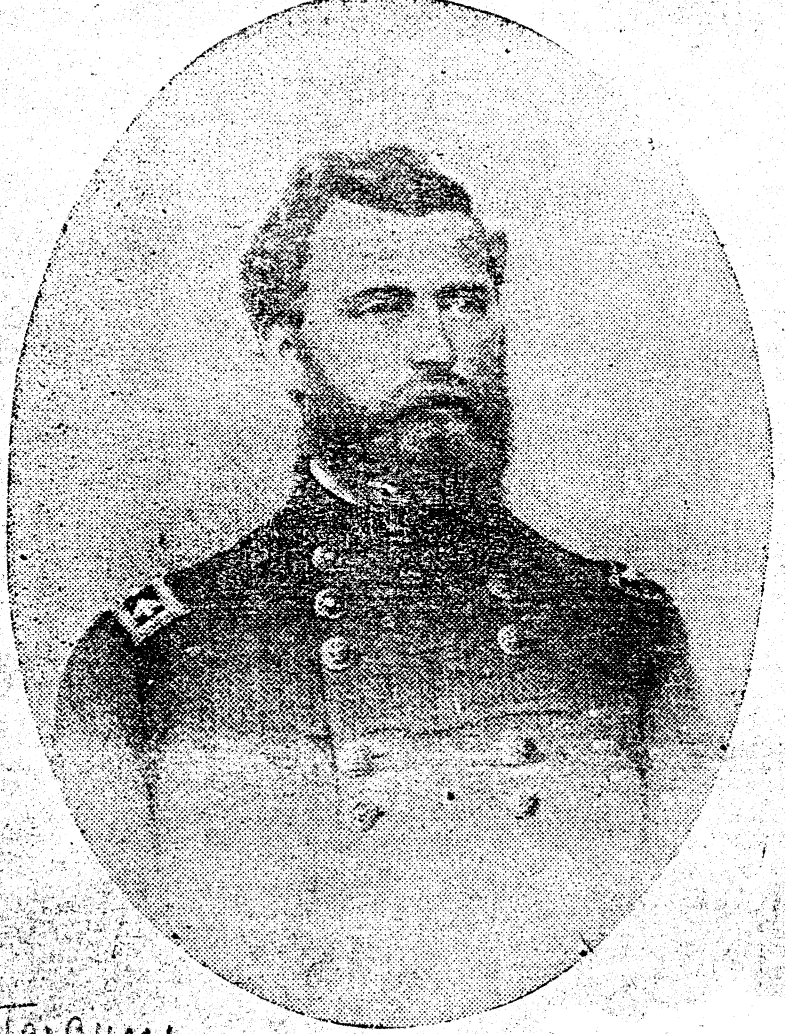
Terre Haute honored Cruft by naming a school and a street after him.

A picture of Cruft is the historical treasure this week. It is displayed on the grand-stairway wall at the Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley at 1411 S. Sixth St.

The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

Vigo County's Only Major General

August 28-1907



Tribune

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Gen. Charles Cruft

[Special dispatch to The Indianapolis News]

Terre Haute, March 23 (1883) – Gen. Charles Cruft died this morning of heart disease, after a brief illness. He will be buried Monday.

The deceased was the son of John Cruft, one of the first settlers of Terre Haute, and was born in that city, which has always been his home, January 12, 1826. At the early age of 16 he graduated from Wabash College in one of its first classes, that of 1842. After leaving college Mr. Cruft studied law, and early took a prominent position at the bar. He was not noted especially as an advocate, but with his partner, the late John Baird, enjoyed the most lucrati practice in the Wabash Valley.

While not seeking notoriety in any way, he was deeply interested in the various public enterprises that for their object the improvement of his native city. From 1855 to 1858 he was president of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, a position which required his presence in St. Louis, but he never gave up his residence in Terre Haute.

At the breaking out of the war Gen. Cruft was in Washington and along with others went out to witnes the Battle of Bull Run. From a spectator he change to a ~~participant~~ participator, and manned a canno with considerable vigor. Returning home, he entered the army as colonel in the 31st Indiana Infantry. Immediately upon organization the regiment departed for the scene of conflict via Evansville and was with Grant at Fort Donelson and Shiloh At the latter place a brigadier's stars were awar the colonel. He accompanied the Cumber and army in all its campaigns, commanding the 1st Division of the 4th Corps, and earning a brevet Major general's commission.

Since the war General Cruft has not taken a prominent part in public affairs, although having been for a time member of the Republican State Central Committee and once a presidential elector. He was never a candidate for office, preferring the part of the looker-on in the political struggle.

He was a prominent Mason, having served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

He was also a governor of the Rose Polytechn Institute, recently opened in Terre Haute, and in the development of that enterprise he evinced th liveliest interest. All through life he maintain his studious habits, and was possessed of o of the finest private libraries in the state.

Gen. Cruft was known personally to many people in Indianapolis, whither business and social interests often called h for his figure was one that would attract attention anywhere.

He never married, but to two brothers and a sister who survive him, he was most devotedly attached. One of them is J. W. Cruft, treasurer of the Vandalia Line. His friendships were not extensive, but they were true and lasting. The care and devotion he extended to his partner, Mr. Baird, during the affliction that finally ended in death, were most touching and tender. He will be largely missed in all the walks of life frequented by him.

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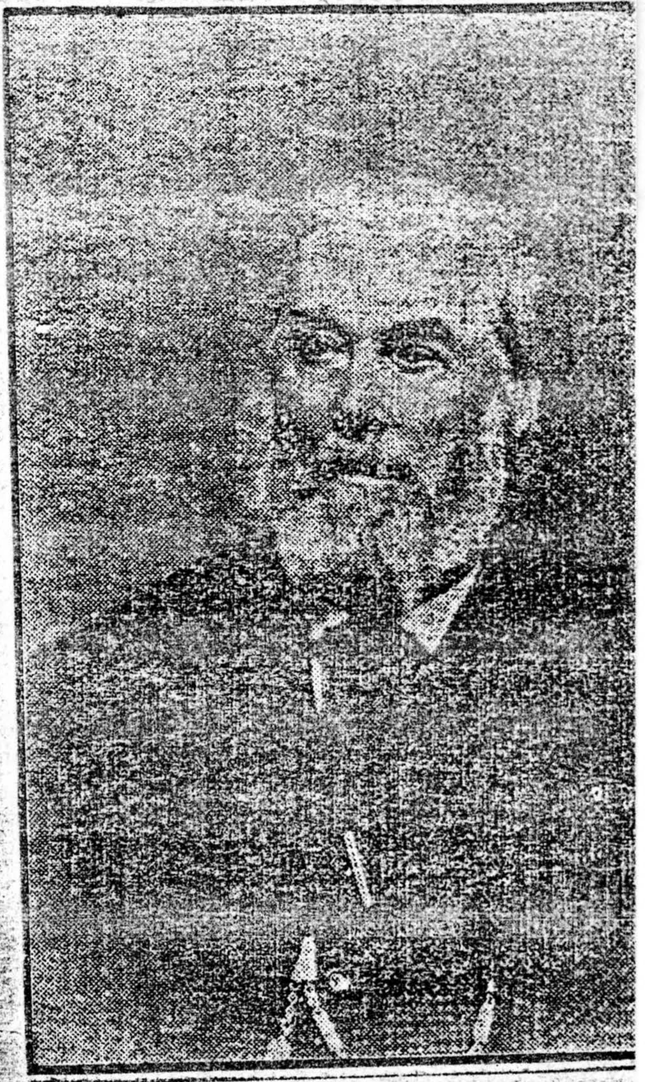

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DR. ALLEN W. PENCE.

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The veteran of veterans in the medical profession of Terre Haute is Dr. Allen W. Pence, who for sixty years has cared for the sick and injured of Terre Haute. Despite his eighty-five years Dr. Pence is still active in the profession and he gives far less thought to retiring from active life than many a man half the age of this worthy physician. Last Thursday Dr. Pence celebrated his sixtieth anniversary of coming to Terre Haute. He came here first to see the town, and on July 4, 1844, came here to live. He has remained here ever since and has the distinction of being the oldest living physician in Terre Haute and it is doubtful if there is any other in western Indiana who can show such a remarkable record. Dr. Pence was born in Ohio, but attended medical college in Springfield, Ill. He first started in business at Danville, Ill., but the city on the Wabash attracted him, so on June 16, 1844, he went to Perrysville where he took passage on the big steamer Forrest and came to Terre Haute, arriving here the following morning. At that time the river teemed with big boats. So well pleased was he with what he saw that he returned to Danville and immediately prepared to come to Terre Haute. He returned on July Fourth, sixty years ago. His first office was at the corner of First and Ohio

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Gen. Charles Cruft's Role in the Civil War

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

THE IMPORTANT ROLE played in the Civil War by the prominent Charles Cruft of this city was recalled in detail upon the occasion of the presentation to Morton Post, GAR, of a fine portrait of this local hero.

The large audience of former "Boys in Blue" were asked to first remember him as Colonel Cruft leading that splendid regiment, the Thirty-first Indiana, promptly to the border and reporting for duty where it was to be done and quickly—on the disputed ground of Kentucky.

Dorothy Clark

Then in command of a brigade at Richmond, where he first showed of what resolute bravery and splendid mettle he was made, by riding far in advance of our shattered lines, in the face of a murderous fire from the exultant enemy, to encourage his troops in their vain effort to check the lines before the weight of unfortunate repulse of overbalancing numbers.

Then hurrying forward to report to Brig. Gen. Grant at Donelson, where that afterwards called "silent man of Shiloh," more than retrieved all our former reverses and planted the standard of the union far in advance in the confidence of our own and other nations. (Applause.)

In this most important crisis and turning point of those critical times, Colonel Cruft rendered most valuable service, fully meeting the promise of his army sponsors and winning unquestioned place as a commander and fighter of unusual ability.

Command Ohio Brigade.

His command at this time was a brigade, and belonged to Crittenden's division of the Army of the Ohio, and was the only unit of this army which took part in the battle of Donelson. He had been detached from his division and ordered to report with his brigade to Grant at Fort Henry, which place surrendered before he reached it, and he pushed immediately forward and joined Grant's forces at Donelson.

This brigade of Cruft's went into that action on the right of our line, on the upper side of the town of Dover, and near the point where, at that season of the year, the spreading back water from the creek meets the river and reaches the bluff, and here the rebels made their desperate and oft-repeated attempt to turn our right and open a way out in which they could retreat to Nashville, as had been planned in their last council of war between Pillow, Floyd and Buckner, and as often were they repulsed and held in check by this gallant and well-handled little brigade.

This was done under the most trying circumstances too. The falling back of McClernards division on Cruft's left and, there being no troops on his right, left his command in that precarious position designated in military parlance as "in air," and liable to be cut off and captured.

But he at once ordered it to a new position on a ridge to the right and rear, where it remained and repelled the continued assaults of the enemy. Here it stood like the rocks of the hill under its feet, and finally charged the rebel line, which, while it succeeded in driving them back and clearing its front, only exposed its flanks all the more.

Makes Another Attempt.

The enemy quickly observed this, and again attempted its capture, advancing with both infantry and cavalry. But under the cool mind and masterly hand of its commander, it is led slowly back to a higher position, where the rebels followed and charged it, only to be met with a perfect sheet of fire from a steady line.

Finally, under the wholesome caution taught the enemy, it was enabled to draw off towards the left, and thereby re-established its connection with our line, the troops under the immediate command of Shaver.

This was the first of the several occasions during his service when Gen. Cruft, in most trying positions was let to act under his own judgment and responsibility, in sudden and fearful emergencies, and it is a noteworthy fact that such situations served only to bring out his powers, for he was always equal to the occasion.

Captain Ford, local resident and a member of Gen. Cruft's staff, wrote a great deal about the next viciously contested conflict at Shiloh, where "no better evidence that he was where there was work to do and was doing it, can be recalled than the fact that it was directly in front of his position in our line that the rebel cause lost its finest soldier of the time, their commander, Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, who fell dead while leading to the charge a body of his troops who had been so severely punished that they had refused to make any further attempts under their own officers, and that he was twice severely wounded, but kept his saddle until night and then was borne fainting from loss of blood, directly from the field to the hospital boat.

Gains General's Stars.

At Stone River General Cruft, not colonel now, having meanwhile received his fully earned brigadier's star and in command of four regiments of Palmer's division, held a place in our line between Miller's and Hazen's brigades on the left. Cruft gallantly repulsed Gen. Chalmer's heavy forces, and the next day supported Miller's brigade in turning the tide of the rebel Breckenridge's movement and caused it to result in failure.

Then at terrible, gloomy Chickamauga—really a "river of death"—on that occasion, those who were there and survived remembered Cruft and his command as last to leave the field, and that then he left on foot, his horse having been shot under him.

Finally, at Mission Ridge he took two brigades of the Fourth corps and reported to Hooker down the valley, and under Fighting Joe, and with Osterhaus and Geary joined in climbing up the end of the Ridge and sweeping it clean of rebels, sides and top.

Victorious Charge.

Cruft gained the summit, capturing the wagons and ambulances after a sharp contest and swept forward along the summit of the ridge to run up against the rebel Gen. Stewart's forces behind breastworks. Without hesitation Cruft gave the command to charge, and the works were carried almost before the bugle command died away.

Instead of standing by and being taught a lesson how to fight, the loyal Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana boys under Cruft, gave a lesson in such business that will be referred to by all teachers of the art of war and live in history as long as it is written and has readers.

Cruft continued until the close of the war at Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta, with Sherman, as one of his reliable division commanders, and back to Nashville, with glorious old Pap Thomas, where he came into line on the left just in the nick of time to save the results of the wonderfully strong fighting done by the colored men under Steadman.

Gen. Cruft's brother, Edward Cruft, presented the fine portrait of his famous brother to the GAR Morton Post in their headquarters at what we now know as Memorial Hall, on Ohio street across from the Vigo County Courthouse.

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Ned L. Broadwater

Dear Vigo County Public Library,

I am a senior history major at Wabash College, and am in the process of doing my senior project. I have been informed that your library has a biography on one of the men I am researching.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me the biography of Charles Cruft.

From 1849-56 he was a lawyer at Terre Haute. He mustered in to service in the Army September 15, 1861 as a Colonel. I have also found out he died March 23, 1883. I'm sure his biography would give me much more information about him and I will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Gratefully,

Ned L. Broadwater

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Dear Mr. Lewis,

I want to thank you for the information you sent me about the Craft family. The information has been very helpful in my research project. Enclosed is a check for the expense of photo-copies and postage. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
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I Hear the Tread of Pioneers

By John G. Biel

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The time which Gen. U. S. Grant was compelled to consume at Fort Henry before proceeding to march upon Fort Donelson he used advantageously in reorganizing his army into what was afterward called—during the remainder of the War—the Army of the Tennessee.

The First Division of this reorganized army, under Brig. Gen. John A. McClernand, was composed of three brigades; the Second Division, under Brig. Gen. Charles F. Smith, comprised five brigades, and the Third Division, under Brig. Gen. Lew Wallace, comprised three brigades. Commanding the First Brigade of the Third Division was Col. Charles Cruft. Under him were four infantry regiments: The Thirty-first Indiana, under Lieut. Col. John Osborne; the Forty-fourth Indiana under Col. H. B. Reed; the Seventeenth Kentucky under Col. John H. McHenry, Jr., and the Twenty-fifth Kentucky under Col. James M. Shackleford.

This Charles Cruft was from Terre Haute. His war record gave him a national reputation and, for him, the Cruft School in the City of Terre Haute was named.

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CHARLES CRUFT was born in Terre Haute on Jan. 12, 1826—when the little town of Terre Haute was not yet ten years old. His father was a pioneer merchant having come from New England where he had had the advantages of an extensive schooling. He gave to his son all the opportunities for education the little town of Terre Haute afforded at that time. Some of Charles Cruft's early teachers were Miss Bishop, Charles T. Noble and W. D. Griswold. This was all at a time when there were no "public" schools. Charles later attended Wabash College where he graduated in the class of 1843—when he was but 17 years old. He returned to Terre Haute and taught school with Robert Groes who, then, conducted a "classical school" on the southeast corner what is now Third Street and Ohio Street. He was later employed in early State Bank and studied law in the office of his former school teacher, W. D. Griswold. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1848 and did some work exclusively for the early railroad companies. After that he entered into a law partnership with John P. Baird of which it is recorded: "The brilliant genius of Colonel Baird as a pleader and court advocate was equalled only by General Cruft's ability as an advisor and counselor and to the latter fell all the office details in the innumerable causes in which they acted."

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IN AN OLD BOOK—now out of print—there is an interesting account of some of Cruft's activities which gives much of the detail so avidly sought for by persons today who are students of the Civil War.

The Battle of Fort Donelson was fought from February 14 to 16, 1862, and "exceptionally hard was the experience of our poor fellows at Donelson. Heavy rains, pelting hailstorms, driving sleet, piercing blasts and pitiless snow had attacked them by turns. They had been forced to struggle through almost impassable mud. They had been without blankets and without overcoats. Their rations had been exhausted, yet much of the time, when shivering, freezing and benumbed they had been under fire, even during the bitter cold watches of the night . . . the supply of ammunition . . . was not sufficient to make up for the waste of which raw troops are always more or less guilty . . ."

The total loss of Grant's Army in this encounter was 510 killed, 2,152 wounded and 224 captured or missing; a total of 2,886. Of this number, from Colonel Cruft's Brigade alone, there were 35 killed, 182 wounded and 16 missing. There never was a correct figure compiled for the Confederate loss in this battle but it was estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000.

It is impossible to give an account of the entire three day's

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battle in the space we have available but one isolated report involving Cruft is worthy of noting. The battle was not going too well for the Union Army. "The disadvantages including those of position, were much too great. It was impossible to win against such odds, yet assault after assault was met and hurled back by the deadly fire of our troops who thus gained time which was a help to us and a loss to the enemy. . . . Meanwhile McClernand had begged help from Lew Wallace . . . but Grant was not present and Wallace doubted his authority to proceed . . . and no one on Grant's staff was willing to assume the responsibility asked for. . . . Wallace, seeing the critical condition of affairs, determined to take the responsibility and sent one of his brigades—that of Cruft—to McClernand's support. Cruft went into line of battle on the right of the Thirty-first Illinois . . . these two slim regiments alone fought during a brief interval of the whole rebel army. At last Cruft came up on the double-quick. The Eleventh Illinois essayed to continue the unequal contest, but, unable to stand its ground, fell back in disorder under pressure of a rebel cavalry charge, while Cruft's brigade also retired half a mile, upon the new line of Lew Wallace's division.

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"**BEHIND LEW** Wallace's new front of fresh troops, McClernand's fagged-out brigades were re-formed and supplied with ammunition. . . . Cruft's brigade then rested upon the right of Thayer's brigade which had been rapidly deployed, formed in line of battle at right angles to its former line and was resolutely facing our former rights. . . . The Union center changed fronts. . . . When the victorious rebel troops advanced upon Lew Wallace, the new programme failed and instead of the Union forces giving way, they were themselves driven back in disorder . . . again the rebel troops advanced and again they quailed and were driven back in confusion . . . the enemy for a while seemed paralyzed. . . .

"A little while later Wallace's command advanced to carry the position, Cruft's brigade . . . being in support and reserve, made up the storming party. . . . The enemy . . . retired slowly and unwillingly within his trenches . . . until after 5 o'clock. . . . The advance of our victorious storming columns formed into line, still driving the rebel Tennesseeans before them . . . the rebel entrenchments had been carried. . . ."

This closed the night of Feb. 15—Saturday. On the morning of Sunday, the sixteenth, just as the Union Army was preparing to get under way, the sound of a bugle was heard and a "flag of truce" approached from Fort Donelson bearing a letter to General Grant. Soon a white flag appeared on the fort itself and the fort surrendered. The Confederate General Forrest, with what was left of his 2,000 cavalry, escaped during the night, "fording or swimming over the backwater in the little creek just south of Dover." Generals Floyd and Pillow also escaped, "taking with them not less than 3,000 men." It was up to Gen. S. B. Buckner to surrender Fort Donelson for the Confederacy.

Cruft Family - 9168

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GENERAL CHARLES CRUFT

(From the LEAVES OF THYME VOL.XII, No.5, May 1961)

Among the portraits in the dome of the GAR Memorial Building are those of a group of military figures, one of whom is General Charles Cruft.

Mr. Cruft was born in Terre Haute January 12, 1826, the son of John F. Cruft, a pioneer merchant of Terre Haute. His early education was in Terre Haute, but his college training was obtained at Wabash College where he graduated in 1843. He was first engaged as an assistant teacher in a classical school at Third and Ohio streets, assisting Rev. Robert Croes. He was later employed as a clerk in the old State Bank after which he studied law in the office of W.D.Griswold. He was admitted to the bar in 1848 and entered partnership with John P. Baird, who was a brilliant jurist as well as an advisor and counselor. The partnership of Baird and Cruft was a well known and respected firm.

Mr. Cruft became known nationally for his war record. He entered the service in September of 1861, as a colonel of the celebrated 31st regiment ~~in~~ of Indiana Volunteers. They went south by way of Evansville, joingin General Grant at Ft. Donaldson and Shiloh. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on July 16, 1862. There was a warm friendship between General Cruft and ~~a~~ President William Henry Harrison who was at one time a brigade commander under General Cruft. This friendship lasted until Harrison's death.

It is said that General Cruft was the only man to attain the rank of Major General during the war. ~~As~~ A brevet was conferred on him by President Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of his visit to Washington in March of 1865 after the delivery of his troops to General W.T.Sherman at Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Before leaving for military service the partnership of Baird and Cruft had been dissolved. When both men had returned home from service in the army, they resumed their partnership in the practice of law. He later became a judge and was at one time the president of the St.Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad.

Mr. Cruft died March 24, 1883 at his home at the northeast corner of Sixth and Oak streets. He was an honored and respected citizen of this community, and a street and a school both bear the name of Cruft.

Donated by:
Ms. Junel Davidsen

Cruft Family File.

Cruft Family

From: David Lewis
To: Davidsen, Junel
Date: 6/13/02 8:23AM
Subject: RE: The Gen. Charles Cruft Papers

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David N. Lewis
Special Collections Research

From: "Junel Davidsen" <Junel@MontereyCountyElections.us>
To: "David Lewis" <DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us>
Date: 6/11/02 1:00PM
Subject: RE: The John Gordon Family

Hi David!

Thank you for the wonderful 'letter'. I do appreciate you pointing out the relationship problem. Yes, you are quite right. I should have said that I believe Anna (Armstrong) Gordon is Elizabeth (Armstrong) Cruft's sister. The information on the month of John Gordon's death came from family group sheets submitted by Don and Carol Grimes of Citrus Heights CA in the 1980's. I can not locate them there at this time, however!

I will send you $2.60 for the copies you mentioned and a copy of the funeral notice (I like the old documents). Do you have a diagram w/names of Woodlawn cemetery? I can send additional for photocopy of the diagram or map, if there is one. Andrew and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong are buried there in Woodlawn (they were moved to another location within the cemetery awhile back so I don't know if they are with family or not, apparently a drainage had to be placed at their original location). I found them last year without any map or any idea where they were - just drove right up to him! Think I was summoned - ha. I did not recognize any of the names around them at that time, now I think there might be other family close-by. I would like to know where the Gordon's are also.

Thank you also for the information on Virginia Smith. I will contact her to find out what she has been doing lately. Amanda Gordon is a daughter of John and Anna Gordon, bn Nov. 1817 as Rachel Amanda Gordon, according to the Grimes family group sheets. She married in 1840.

Sincerely, Junel

-----Original Message-----
From: David Lewis [mailto:DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2002 9:42 AM
To: Junel@MontereyCountyElections.us
Subject: Re: The John Gordon Family

Hello!

Anna Gordon's name appears in H.D.Miln's City Cemetery Report where she she is listed as age 77. She died of "Dropsy" and is buried in Div. 47 of Terre Haute's Woodlawn (City) Cemetery. However, her husband John died in August of 1862 and not April as you suggested.

There isn't any obit for Anna and only a brief notice for John.

I think you should know that a Virginia R. Smith, P.O. Box 517, St. Francisville, LA 70775 and (504) 635-6162 wrote me sveral letters in 1997 concerning these Gordons. One of these contained a 6 page copy concerning them. Apparently they owned what was later called "Black's Castle" on what is now Terre Haute's East Side though it was out in the country in the 1860's.

Three of these pages contain a typescript of an 1838 letter from Amanda R. Gordon. Apparently she was a daughter of John Gordon.

I feel certain you are mistaken about Anna Armstrong Gordon being the sister of Gen. Charles Cruft. Instead I am wondering if she were the mother or aunt of Elizabeth Armstrong Cruft (1805-1852), the mother of Gen. Charles Cruft.

If you would like a duplicate of the 6 pages I mentioned earlier, please send the library $1.60 - however, if you want that brief funeral notice for Mr. Gordon (No survivors are named.) - then send an addtional dollar. Should you opt for the $1.60 alternative I would be happy to send you a direct quote of the funeral notice if you should so desire at no extra charge. But it wouldn't be a photocopy of the notice.

Sincerely,

David N.

Lewis

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Crult Family

From: David Lewis
To: Junel Davidsen
Date: 6/17/02 11:44AM
Subject: RE: The Gen. Charles Cruft Papers

Hello!

I received your e-mail message that contained the information concerning Andrew Armstrong's land transactions. Thank you.

I continue to wonder what may have become of Gen. Cruft's written records. A few minutes ago I checked Vigo Co. probate records for Gen. Cruft only to discover that these mention the legal description of his landholdings and tell who bought them in some cases. However, that doesn't really help you at all. Nor could I find a last Will for him so apparently he died intestate. Sorry.

David N. Lewis

From: "Junel Davidsen" <Junel@MontereyCountyElections.us>
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Date: 6/14/02 11:25AM
Subject: RE: The Gen. Charles Cruft Papers

Hello David,

Thank you for the email. I'm happy you received the papers. I wondered about the pension papers and thought I had ordered them as well. I sent the wrong form apparently so I will try again! It's good you mentioned this because I thought he didn't apply for a pension, being well situated in life and all.

Here are some notes I have copied from my files concerning Andrew Armstrong's transactions in Vigo Co (formerly of Illinois, Knox Co IN, KY and PA). Dorcas (Armstrong) Carter McHenry and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Cruft, I believe are sisters, and also believe Andrew is theirfather. Anna (Armstrong) Gordon's father is Andrew Armstrong (per her descendants). Andrew and his wife Elizabeth had 8 children living in 1835 (could have been more) so I am seeking to confirm the identities of all children. It is good to question each relationship because it may lead to other finds. The following is part of Andrew's written record in Vigo Co. (There is also a city directory but failed to record it here, it shows Andy Armstrong as a neighbor to the Cruft's.)

By this time (1832) he is 69 years old. I don't know when he acquired the property that is leaving his hands in the years mentioned belowe. He was in Knox Co. IN previously living near a son William Armstrong and a daughter who married a McClure. Interesting that Dorcas married both of her husbands in Knox Co. IN.

1832: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG to A (?) KENNEY, outlot 34 [Terre Haute], consideration $300, signature date July 12, 1832, recorded July 13, 1832 in Bk 3 pg 550 [Warrantee]. (could not locate actual record)

1835: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG of Vigo Co IN to Samuel R JOHNSON of New York City, near Terre Haute, Lot 13 in NW qtr, Sec. 27, Twp 12N, Range 9W, consideration $700 [Lot divisions recorded in Volumn third, page 461-462], signature date Dec. 15, 1835, witnesses: James HARRINGTON and S.W. EDMUNDS [Justice of the Peace], recorded Dec. 15, 1835 in Bk 5 pg. 265 [Warrantee], Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807 (copy in file).

1836: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG to Ezra M. JONES, Court Commissioner, Terre Haute, Inlot 9 (lot partition of lots 9 and 10 more fully described in 1835 November term of Vigo Circuit Court), consideration $700, signature date May 28, 1836 witnesses -- recorded May 31, 1836 in Bk 5 pg 519. [Warrantee], Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807(copy in file).

1837: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG of Vigo Co IN to James R. NELSON of Vigo Co IN, southern part of outlot 34, consideration $200, signature date Feb. 2, 1837 (typo in notary), witness John F. CRUFT, recorded Feb. 3, 1837 in Bk 6 Pg 269 [Warrantee], Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807 (copy in file).

1838: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG of Vigo Co IN to John

F. CRUFT of Vigo Co. IN, NE corner of outlot 34 adjoining the town of Terre Haute, consideration $500, (party of the first part is...lawfully seized of the premises as of a sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple...), signature date May 11, 1838, witnesses: C.T. NOBLE and S. W. EDMUNDS [Justice of the Peace], recorded May 14, 1838 in Bk 7 pg 151 [Warrantee], Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807(copy in file).

1838: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG of Vigo Co IN to Dorcas McHENRY of Vigo Co IN, NW corner of outlot 34 adjoining the town of Terre Haute, consideration $10 (party of the first part is...lawfully seized of the premises as of a sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple...), signature date May 11, 1838, witnesses S.W. EDMUNDS [Justice of the Peace] and C.T. NOBLE, recorded Feb. 8, 1839 in Bk 7 pg 406, Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807 (copy in file).

1838: LAND TRANSACTION [VIGO CO, IN]: Andrew ARMSTRONG of Vigo Co IN to George C CORY of Vigo Co IN, signature date Aug. 11, 1837, north part of outlot 34 (along lands of Joseph COLE) on the plat of Terre Haute, consideration $400, signature date Aug. 11, 1838, witnesses: John F. CRUFT and Joseph BROWN [Justice of the Peace], recorded Feb. 18, 1839 in Bk 7 pg 415 (Warrantee), Vigo Co. Recorder, 199 Oak St., Terre Haute IN 47807 (copy in file)

1847: BURIAL: Buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Div. 47, Terre Haute, Vigo Co. IN.

I will contact the Highland Lawn Cemetery. Thank you very much for the referral.

You don't have to respond to this email. Just sharing a little information. I appreciate all your time and correspondence. If I find out more about Gen. Cruft, I will forward that as well.

Sincerely, Junel Davidsen.

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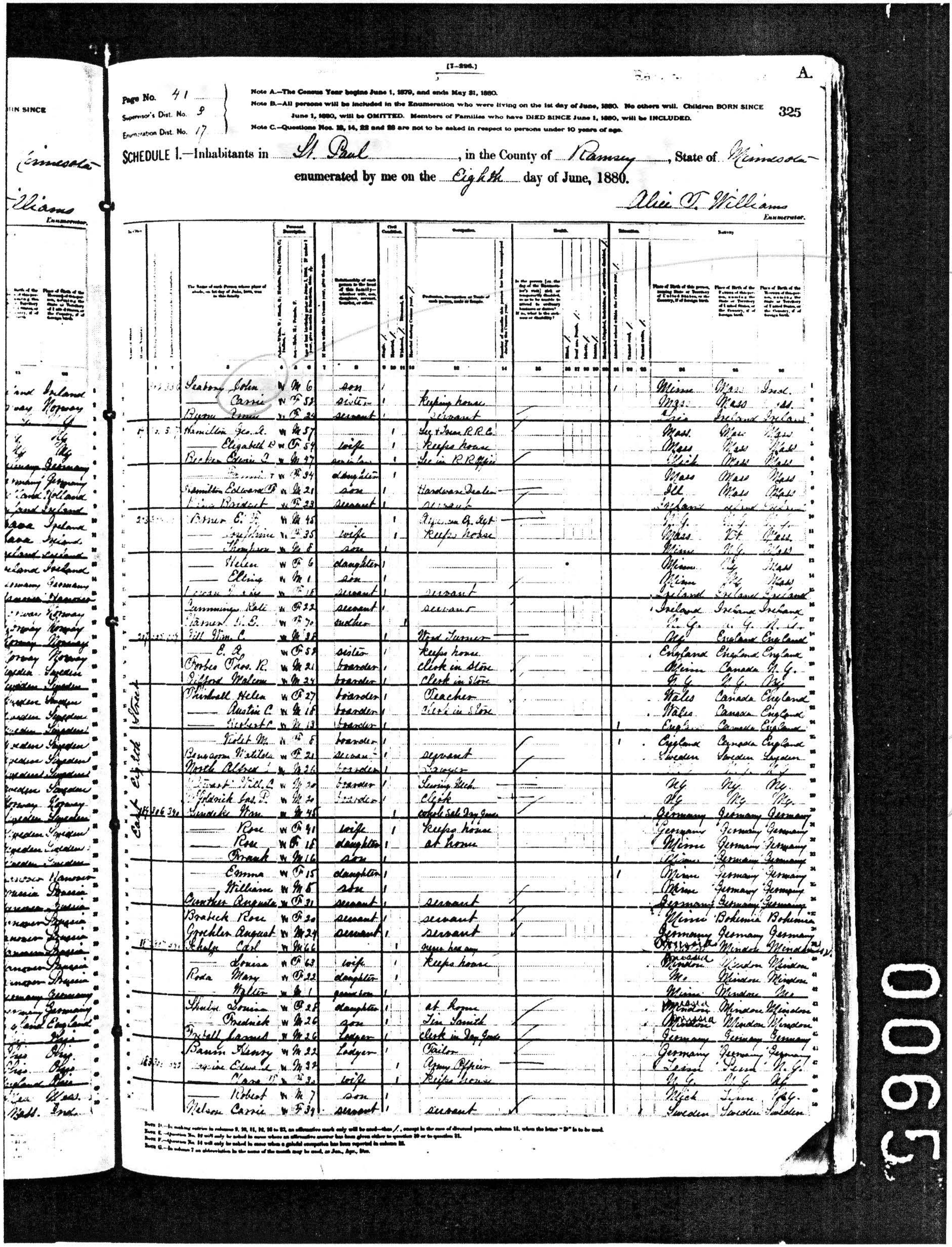
1870 CENSUS OF UNITED STATES

State: Indiana County: Vigo Town / Township: 2d ward city of T H

Date of Enumeration: 1 - July - 1870 Post Office: Terre Haute Page 68

Dwelling No.	Names	Age	Sex Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal property	Birthplace	Father Foreign born	Mother Foreign born	Month born in year	Month Md in year	School in Year	Can't Read or write	Constitutional Relations	Remarks
483	Cruft, Charles	41	M	Lawyer	150,000	20,000	Ind								
	Miss Lucia	26	F	keeping house			Ind								
	Frances	24	F	without occ.			Ind								
	John	22	M	Railroad Clerk			Ind								
	Sellinger, Ann	10	F	domestic serv			Prussia	1	1						
	Kelly, Catherine	24	F	" "			Bavaria	1	1						
	Kichler, Henry	14	M	" "			Belgium	1	1						
	Cernan, James	18	M	(B) " "			So. Carolina								



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 9
Enumeration Dist. No. 17

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in St. Paul, in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota enumerated by me on the Eighth day of June, 1880.

Alice T. Williams
Enumerator.

East Eighth Street

1	3?3 35	Seabury John	W	M	6	son		Minn	Mass	Ind.
2		—— Carrie	W	F	58	sister	Keeping house	Mass	Mass	Mass
3		Byrne [illegible]	W	F	24	servant	Servant	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
4	5 35	Hamilton Geo. A.	W	M	57		Sec + Treas R.R. Co.	Mass.	Mass	Mass
5		—— Elizabeth D	W	F	54	wife	Keeps house	Mass	Mass	Mass
6		Becker Edwin C	W	M	47	son in law	Sec in R.R. Office	Mich	Mass	Mass
7		—— Fannie	W	F	34	daughter		Mass	Mass	Mass
8		Hamilton Edward F	W	M	21	son	Hardware Dealer	Ill	Mass	Mass
9		King Bridget	W	F	23	servant	servant	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
10	2?3	Borner E. F.	W	M	45		Agent [illegible]	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
11		—— Josephine	W	F	35	wife	Keeps house	Mass	Vt.	Mass
12		—— Thompson	W	M	8	son		Minn	N.Y.	Mass
13		—— Helen	W	F	6	daughter		Minn	N.Y.	Mass
14		—— Elling	W	M	1	son		Minn	N.Y.	Mass
15		[illegible]	W	F	18	servant	servant	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
16		Cummings Kate	W	F	22	servant	servant	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
17		Varner H. E.	W	F	70	mother		N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
18	3?? 3??	Gill Wm. C.	W	M	38		Wood Turner	N.Y.	England	England
19		—— E. A.	W	F	59	sister	Keeps house	England	England	England
20		Forbes Thos. R.	W	M	21	boarder	Clerk in Store	Minn	Canada	N.Y.
21		Gifford Malcom	W	M	24	boarder	Clerk in Store	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
22		Thirlwall Helen	W	F	27	boarder	Teacher	Wales	Canada	England
23		—— Austin C	W	M	18	boarder	Clerk in Store	Wales	Canada	England
24		—— Herbert C	W	M	13	boarder		England	Canada	England
25		—— Violet M.	W	F	8	boarder		England	Canada	England
26		Bengsson Matilda	W	F	21	servant	servant	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden
27		North Alfred [illegible]	W	M	26	boarder	Lawyer	[illegible]	[illegible]	N.Y.
28		Stuart Will. C	W	M	20	boarder	Sewing Mach.	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
29		McGoldrick Jas. P.	W	M	20	boarder	Clerk	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
30	18 306 340	Lindeke Wm	W	M	45		Whole Sale Dry Goods	Germany	Germany	Germany
31		—— Rose	W	F	41	wife	Keeps house	Germany	Germany	Germany
32		—— Rose	W	F	18	daughter	at home	Minn	Germany	Germany
33		—— Frank	W	M	16	son		Minn	Germany	Germany
34		—— Emma	W	F	15	daughter		Minn	Germany	Germany
35		—— William	W	M	8	son		Minn	Germany	Germany
36		Gunther Augusta	W	F	31	servant	servant	Germany	Germany	Germany
37		Bratek Rose	W	F	20	servant	servant	Minn	Bohemia	Bohemia
38		Goechler August	W	M	24	servant	servant	Germany	Germany	Germany
39	19 3?7 341	Schulze Carl	W	M	66		[illegible]	Prussia Minden	Minden	Minden
40		—— Louisa	W	F	63	wife	Keeps house	Prussia Minden	Minden	Minden
41		Roda Mary	W	F	22	daughter		Mo.	Minden	Minden
42		—— Walter	W	M	1	grandson		Minn	Minden	Mo.
43		Shulze Louisa	W	F	28	daughter	at home	Prussia Minden	Minden	Minden
44		—— Fredrick	W	M	26	son	Tin Smith	Prussia Minden	Minden	Minden
45		Fretall Samuel	W	M	26	Lodger	clerk in Dry Goods	Germany	Germany	Germany
46		Baum Henry	W	M	22	Lodger	Tailor	Germany	Germany	Germany
47	163 3?? 3??	[illegible] Edward	W	M	39		Army Officer	Tenn	Penn	N.Y.
48		—— Clara [illegible]	W	F	3?	wife	Keeps house	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
49		—— Robert	W	M	7	son		Mich	Tenn	N.Y.
50		Nelson Carrie	W	F	34	servant	servant	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
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Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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This John Seabury
appears to be the
Cruft heir that
had children.
"Carrie" was
an aunt.
John's mother,
Fannie Cruft Seabury,
seems to have died
some time after
John's birth in 1874.
His father
was Channing Seabury
of St Paul.

David W Lewis
5-13-2005

Cruft Family

Katherine Lee
57 Church Rd.
Sherman CT 06784

March 1, 2000

Hello! Thanks for the six-dollar check. I am enclosing copies of the 1850 and 1870 Terre Haute censuses showing the Cruft family. Please note that in that twenty year interval Miss Lucia Cruft only aged 16 years. Therefore, we can only surmise the year of Lucia's birth. Was it 1840 or 1844?

There was much more information on Charles Cruft than his younger sister Lucia who had a very simple wedding according to the Saturday Evening Mail of 1877. C.F. Putnam, her husband, was from Chicago then. However, when Gen. Charles Cruft died in March 1883 his brother-in-law and sister Lucia were in "St. Paul" (presumably Minnesota.)

However, at the time of her death Lucia was in Syracuse NY in 1918 and I have enclosed a copy of her obituary which says her burial was from the home of Miss Alice and Miss Fanny Warren, 417 S. Sixth St. Miss Fanny Warren lived on the opposite side of the street from the Cruft household and Fanny had been a childhood friend of Lucia Cruft Putnam.

It is strange that Lucia's obituary didn't list her husband as a survivor, but he died approximately 9 ½ years later.

The Star obituary of Mrs. Putnam states she had a surviving niece named Mrs. Harry English. Vigo County marriage records list a Florence S. Cruft who married Harry L. English on April 30, 1902.

I hope the copies are helpful.

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

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Dear MR. Lewis,

Please note your Letter to me dated 12/28/99. Please Forward copies of any materials noted in your Letter, and any additional information you may have on Lucia (CRUFT) Putnam. (marriage announcement)

Enclosed is a check for $6.00 which should cover photocopies & mailing. If there is any extra please keep it as a donation to the Library.

ALSO I will contact the Vigo County Historical Society

Thanks again for your efforts

Katherine Lee
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December 28, 1999

It is interesting that you have Gen. Charles Cruft's uniform chest. He was born January 12, 1826 and died March 23, 1883. He never married. He was the first of John F. and Elizabeth Armstrong Cruft's 8 children. The others were in order: Henry Clay, Elizabeth, Anne, Fannie, Edward, Lucia (Mrs. Charles F. Putnam of St. Paul MN) and John William.

One of his obituaries states that the Cruft name had originally been Croft and the Crofts came to Massachusetts from England in the 1600's.

Charles Cruft was a graduate of Wabash College. He became a lawyer. He was promoted from colonel to Brig.-General in 1862.

Because of his high military rank his funeral announcement in the Terre Haute newspapers was long and detailed giving the route of the procession, etc. He was survived by 3 siblings: Edward, Lucia C. Putnam, and John William.

If you would like a copy of this long obituary send the VCPL one dollar but if you want extra information we charge 15¢ per page plus postage. We have a copy of an old photo of Charles Cruft's father, John F. (1800-1862). A street in Terre Haute is named Cruft as is a large residential subdivision called Cruft Farm.

Three dollars would cover a good sampling of the material and you might want to contact the Vigo County Historical Society, 1411 S. 6th St., Terre Haute, 47807. They have hours from 1 to 4 P.M. Closed Monday and in January. Phone 812-235-9717.

David N Lewis

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Charles F. Putnam

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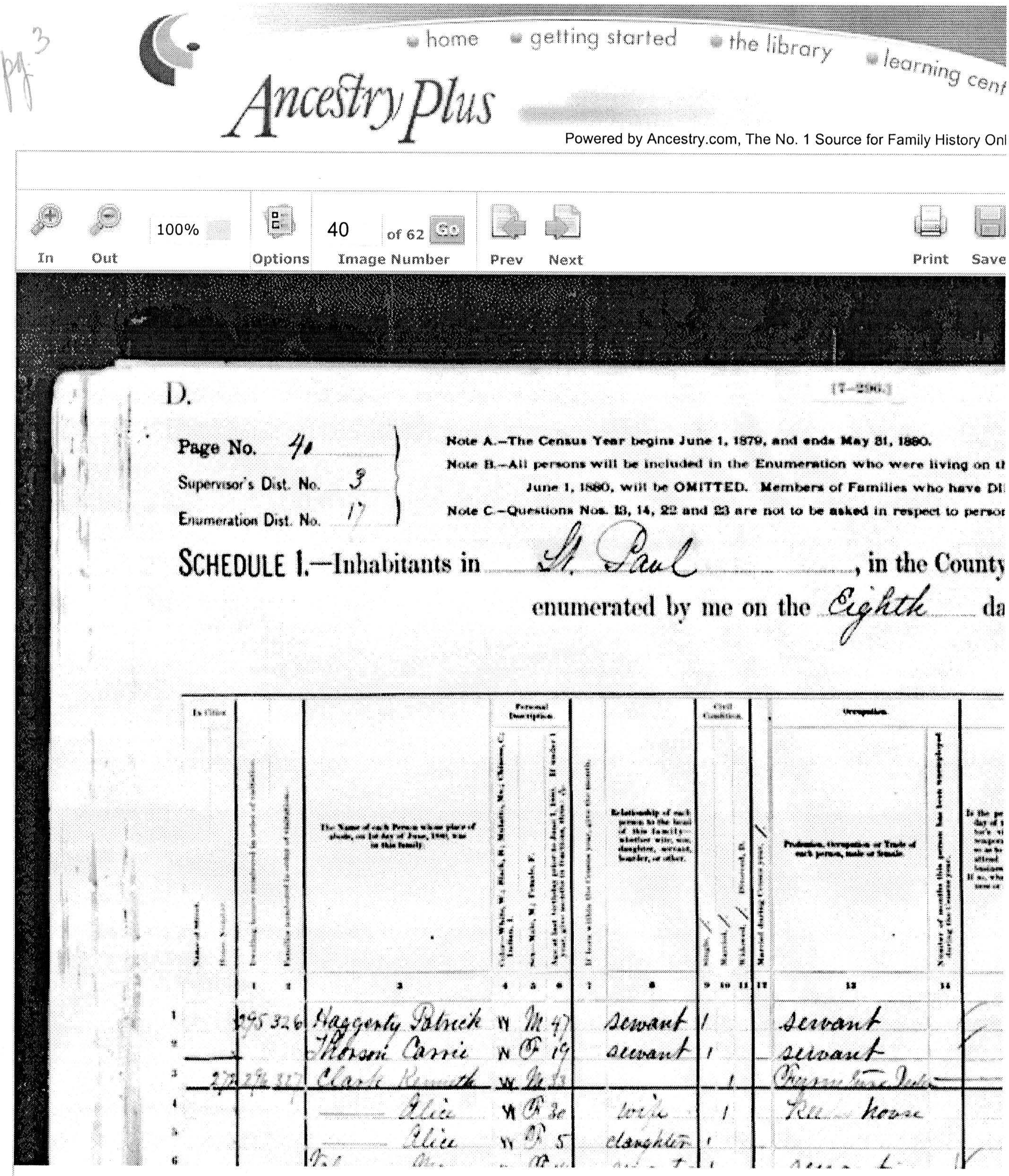
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Supervisor's Dist. No. 3

Enumeration Dist. No. 17

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on th

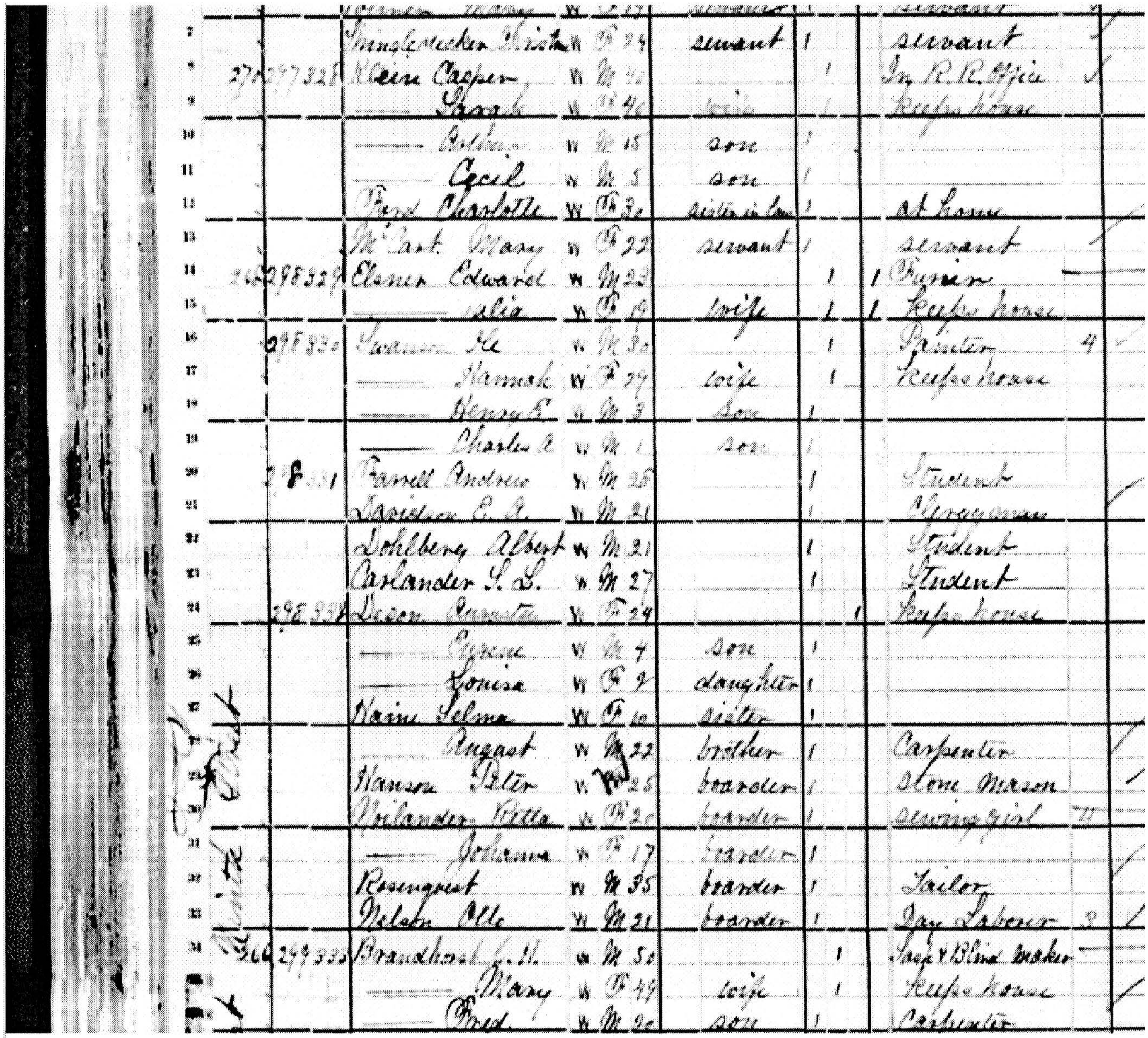
June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DI

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persor

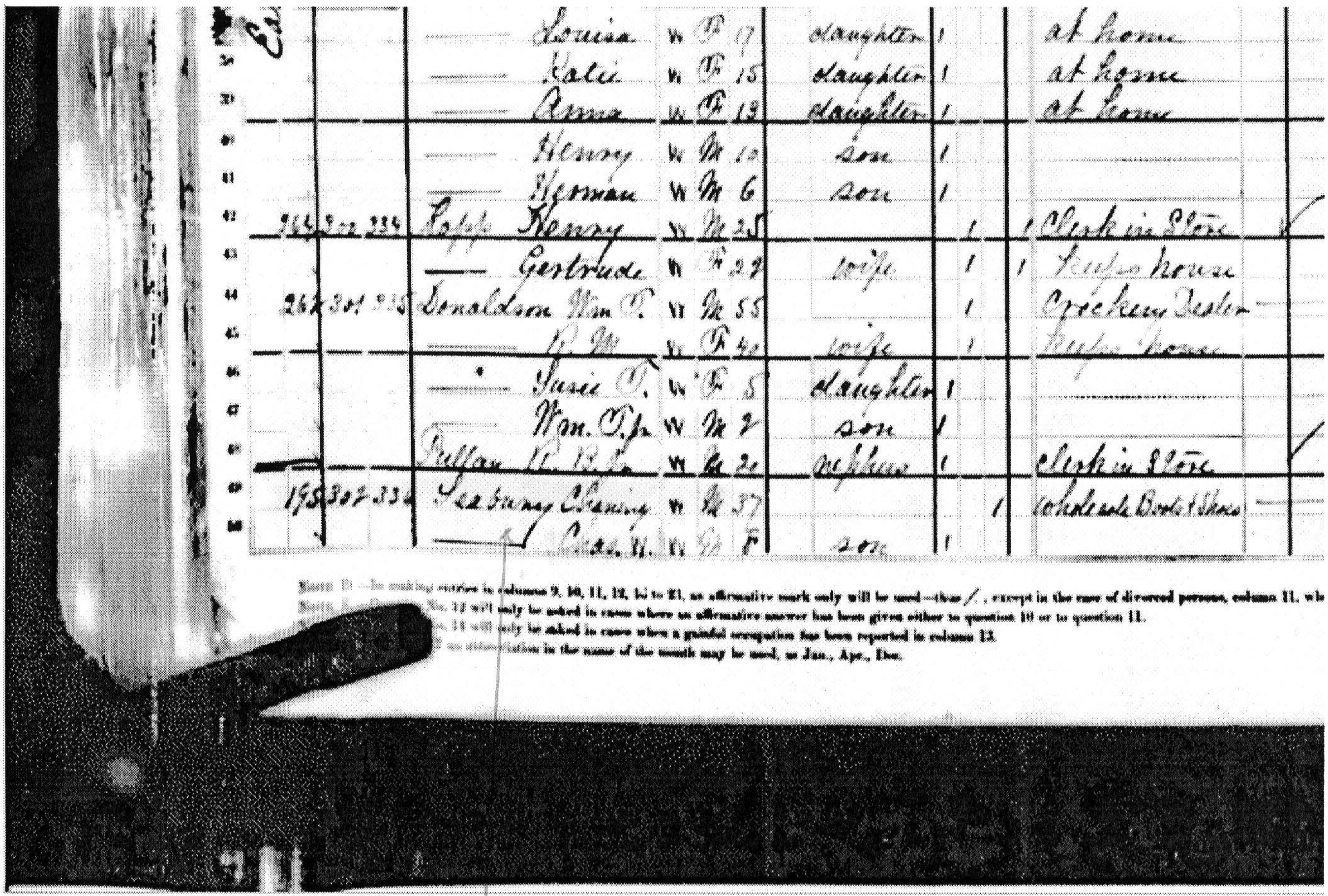
SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in St. Paul, in the County

enumerated by me on the Eighth da

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1			295	326	Haggerty Patrick	W	M	47		servant	1				servant
2					Thoresen Carrie	W	F	19		servant	1				servant
3		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clark Kenneth	W	M	[illegible]				1			[illegible]
4					Alice	W	F	30		wife		1			Kee house
5					Alice	W	F	5		daughter	1				
6					[illegible]					[illegible]	1				[illegible]



				Mary	W	F	[illegible]	[illegible]	1				[illegible]	
7				Shunslevecker Christn	W	F	24	servant	1			servant		✓
8	27	297	328	Klein Casper	W	M	42			1		In R.R. Office		✓
9				—— Sarah	W	F	40	wife		1		Keeps house		
10				—— Arthur	W	M	15	son	1					
11				—— Cecil	W	M	5	son	1					
12				Fend Charlotte	W	F	30	sister in law	1			at home		✓
13				McCart Mary	W	F	22	servant	1			servant		✓
14	26	298	329	Elsner Edward	W	M	23			1	1	Furier	—	
15				—— Julia	W	F	19	wife		1	1	Keeps house		
16		298	330	Swanson Ole	W	M	30			1		Printer	4	✓
17				—— Hannah	W	F	29	wife		1		Keeps house		
18				—— Henry E.	W	M	3	son	1					
19				—— Charles E.	W	M	1	son	1					
20		8	331	Farrell Andrew	W	M	25		1			Student		✓
21				Davidson E. B.	W	M	21		1			Clergyman		
22				Dohlberg Albert	W	M	21		1			Student		
23				Carlander S. L.	W	M	27		1			Student		
24		298	332	Olson Augusta	W	F	24				1	Keeps house		
25				—— Eugene	W	M	4	son	1					
26				—— Louisa	W	F	2	daughter	1					
27				Haine Selma	W	F	10	sister	1					
28				—— August	W	M	22	brother	1			Carpenter		✓
29				Hanson Peter	W	M	25	boarder	1			Stone Mason		✓
30				Wilander Bella	W	F	20	boarder	1			sewing girl	11	
31				—— Johanna	W	F	17	boarder	1					✓
32				Rosengrist	W	M	35	boarder	1			Tailor		✓
33				Nelson Olle	W	M	21	boarder	1			Day Laborer	3	✓
34	266	299	333	Brandhorst G. H.	W	M	50			1		Sash & Blind maker	—	
35				—— Mary	W	F	49	wife		1		Keeps house		✓
36				—— Fred	W	M	20	son	1			Carpenter		



			—— Louisa	W	F	17	daughter	1			at home
			—— Katie	W	F	15	daughter	1			at home
			—— Anna	W	F	13	daughter	1			at home
			—— Henry	W	M	10	son	1			
			—— Herman	W	M	6	son	1			
264	302	334	Kopp Henry	W	M	25			1	1	Clerk in Store
			—— Gertrude	W	F	29	wife		1	1	Keeps house
262	301	335	Donaldson Wm P.	W	M	55			1		Crockery Dealer
			—— R. M.	W	F	40	wife		1		Keeps house
			—— Susie P.	W	F	5	daughter	1			
			Wm. P. Jr	W	M	2	son	1			
			Pullan R. B. C.	W	M	20	nephew	1			Clerk in Store
195	302	336	Seabury Chaning	W	M	37				1	Wholesale Boots & Shoes
			—— Chas. H.	W	M	8	son	1			

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, wh

No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

14 will only be asked in cases where a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.

an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

"Chaning" – husband of Frances "Fanny" Croft

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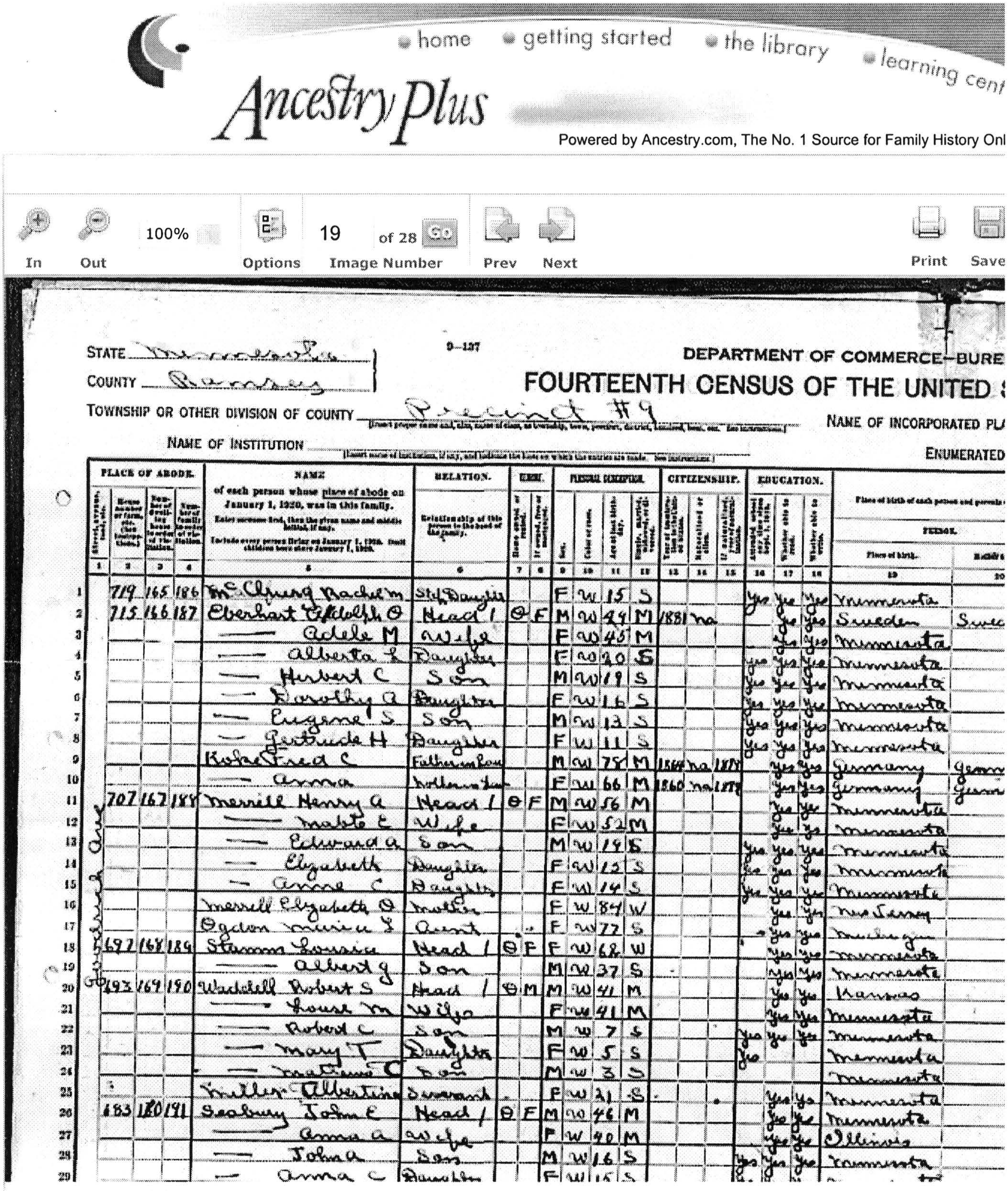

STATE Minnesota
COUNTY Ramsey
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Precinct #9
NAME OF INSTITUTION

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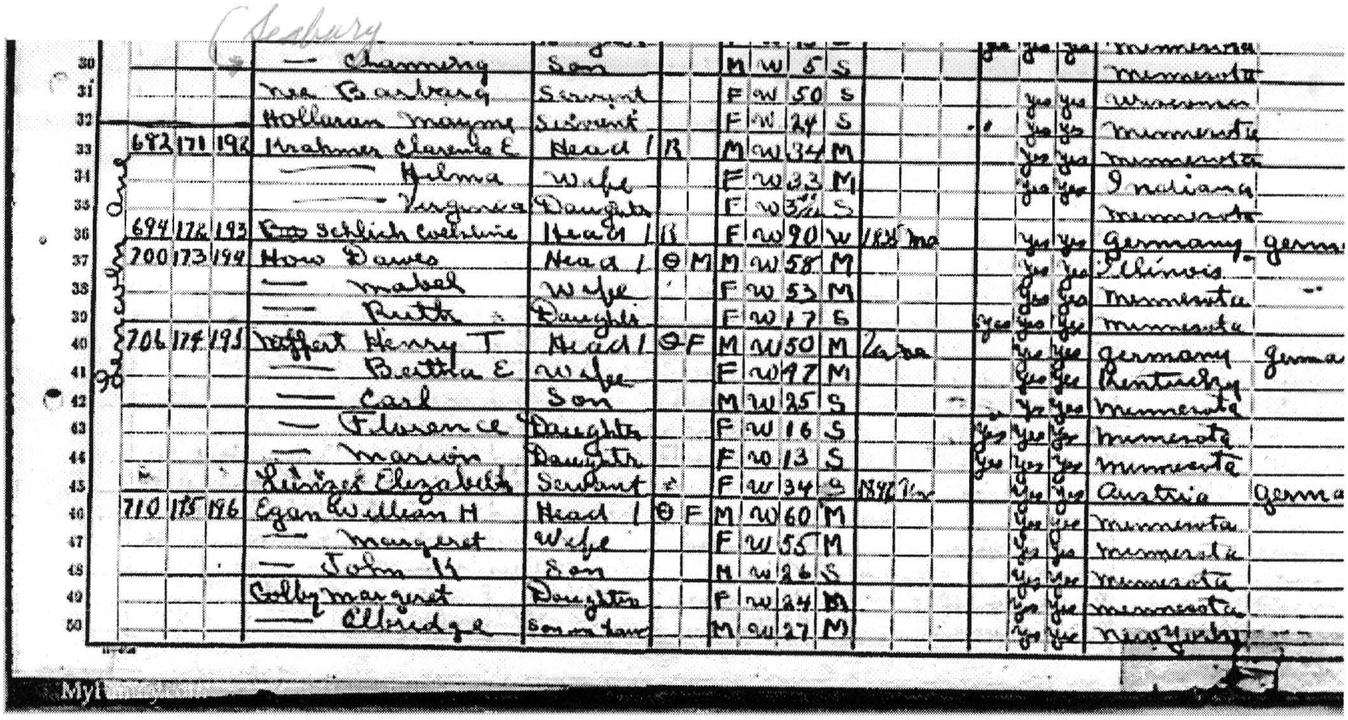
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BURE

FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED S

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLA

ENUMERATED

	PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.							CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.			PERSON. Place of birth.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1		719	165	186	McClung Rachel M	Step Daughter			F	W	15	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
2		715	166	187	Eberhart Adolph O	Head 1	O	F	M	W	49	M	1881	na			Yes	Yes	Sweden	Swe
3					— Adele M	Wife			F	W	45	M					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
4					— Alberta L	Daughter			F	W	20	S					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
5					— Herbert C	Son			M	W	19	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
6					— Dorothy A	Daughter			F	W	16	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
7					— Eugene S	Son			M	W	13	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
8					— Gertrude H	Daughter			F	W	11	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
9					Kobe Fred C	Father in Law			M	W	75	M	1864	na	1878		Yes	Yes	Germany	Germ
10					— Anna	Mother in Law			F	W	66	M	1860	na	1879		Yes	Yes	Germany	Germ
11	Goodrich Ave	707	167	188	Merrill Henry A	Head 1	O	F	M	W	56	M					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
12					— Mabel E	Wife			F	W	52	M					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
13					— Edward A	Son			M	W	19	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
14					— Elizabeth	Daughter			F	W	12	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
15					— Anne C	Daughter			F	W	14	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
16					Merrill Elizabeth O	Mother			F	W	84	W					Yes	Yes	New Jersey	
17					Ogden Marie L	Aunt			F	W	77	S					Yes	Yes	Michigan	
18		697	168	189	Stamm Louisia	Head 1	O	F	F	W	68	W					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
19					— Albert G	Son			M	W	37	S					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
20		693	169	190	Waddell Robert S	Head 1	O	M	M	W	41	M					Yes	Yes	Kansas	
21					— Louise M	Wife			F	W	41	M					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
22					— Robert C	Son			M	W	7	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
23					— Mary T	Daughter			F	W	5	S				Yes			Minnesota	
24					— [illegible] C	Son			M	W	3	S							Minnesota	
25					Miller Albertine	Servant			F	W	21	S					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
26		683	170	191	Seabury John E	Head 1	O	F	M	W	46	M					Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
27					— Anna A	Wife			F	W	40	M					Yes	Yes	Illinois	
28					— John A	Son			M	W	16	S				Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota	
29					— Anna C	Daughter			F	W	15	S								



Seabury

30					— Channing	Son			M	W	5	S						Minnesota	
31					Nee Barbara	Servant			F	W	50	S				yes	yes	Wisconsin	
32					Holloran Mayme	Servant			F	W	24	S				yes	yes	Minnesota	
33		692	171	192	Krahmer Clarence E	Head 1	R		M	W	34	M				yes	yes	Minnesota	
34	Ave				— Hilma	Wife			F	W	33	M				yes	yes	Indiana	
35					— Virginia	Daughter			F	W	3 5/12	S						Minnesota	
36		694	172	193	~~Bo~~ Schlich Catherine	Head 1	R		F	W	90	W	1855	Na		yes	yes	Germany	German
37		700	173	194	How Dawes	Head 1	O	M	M	W	58	M				yes	yes	Illinois	
38					— Mabel	Wife			F	W	53	M				yes	yes	Minnesota	
39					— Ruth	Daughter			F	W	17	S			yes	yes	yes	Minnesota	
40		706	174	195	Woffert Henry T	Head 1	O	F	M	W	50	M	Pa			yes	yes	Germany	German
41	90				— Bertha E	Wife			F	W	47	M				yes	yes	Kentucky	
42					— Carl	Son			M	W	25	S				yes	yes	Minnesota	
43					— Florence	Daughter			F	W	16	S			yes	yes	yes	Minnesota	
44					— Marion	Daughter			F	W	13	S			yes	yes	yes	Minnesota	
45					Linizer Elizabeth	Servant			F	W	34	S	1892	Pa		yes	yes	Austria	German
46		710	175	196	Egan William H	Head 1	O	F	M	W	60	M				yes	yes	Minnesota	
47					— Margaret	Wife			F	W	55	M				yes	yes	Minnesota	
48					— John H	Son			M	W	26	S				yes	yes	Minnesota	
49					Colby Margaret	Daughter			F	W	24	M				yes	yes	Minnesota	
50					— Elbridge	Son in law			M	W	27	M				yes	yes	New York	

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Freezers at Hender-
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ers of the Vigo B. B. C.
o meet at their Club room.
, this evening at 8 o'clock
here is important business

Order of the President,
T. B. Cookerly, Sec'y.

of Summer Shawls.—
at
Buckeye Cash Store,
Main, Corner 6th street.

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n's grab round and square
and Linen Hats, something

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Allen, the Hatter.

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New Style Dress Goods,
the
Buckeye Cash Store,
Main, Corner 6th street.

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invaluable to housekeepers.
use on the melted wax, when
cans, to designate the con-
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ferent kinds of fruit. Price

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only $3,00 a thousand, at the
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office of County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

TREASURER.

We are authorised to announce the name of MORTON C. RANKIN for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

ASSESSOR.

We are authorised to announce the name of LYMAN MILLER as a candidate for the office of Township Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

We are authorised to announce the name of JACKSON STEPP as a candidate for the office of Township Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

MARRIED.

SEABURY—CRUFT—In St. Stephens Church, June 9th, 1870, by the Rt. Rev. Jos. C. Talbot, Mr. Channing Seabury, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Miss Fannie W. Cruft, of this city.

Ryce's Family Carpet—The best goods for the price in this market. Call and see them at the Carpet Hall.

We have just received the Protector Self sealing Glass Fruit Jar. It can be made air-tight without the use of wax—the best in market; also, Cherry Stoners, at J. Cook & Son's. 27-1m

Riddle can't be beat on Fans.

Self-raising Flour saves all Baking Powders, Soda and Cream Tartar.

Always reliable.

Dyspeptics and Invalids can use it with impunity. Prepared by

C. J. Ripley.

Something new [illegible] Hat at the City Hat and Cap House.

J. F. Badgley, Proprietor.

All the nobby styles of Hats at Badgley's City Hat and Cap House, No. 12, South Fourth street.

Missisquoi Springs Water cures Brights' Disease, Scrofula and all impurities of the blood. Send for pamphlet at your druggists, or to Missisquoi Springs, Sheldon, Vermont. 19-d3w.

New Bows, for less money than you can buy the Ribbon, at Herz & Arnold's.

Riddle has lots of goods at the *lowest*

3:00 P. M......Acommodation...2:4
Chas. R. Peddle,

The Singer Manufacturing C
now making 3000 machines ea
every week. Call soon and get
Lawrance's.

Ryce's "Hand Loom" Car
These very superior goods can
only at Ryce's Carpet Hall.

87,868 Singer Machines m
sold in 1869. A few more to be h
Main street.

Wants, &c. — Advertiseme
"wants" "for sale," "lost," "foun
will be inserted in the Daily Exp
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Blank Notes, in single sh
bound in small books, on sale at t
Express Steam Printing Establ

Fresh Mattings, fine oil clot
shade goods, elegant mirrors,
arrived at Ryce's Carpet Hall.

Those ladies who wish to bu
article of a hoop skirt, which is
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better than any Eastern skirt,
just what they want at Herz &
hoop skirt factory, 89 Main stree

J. Voris has not sold his M
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has also a good supply of S
Spring Lambs. Corner Sixth

NEW ADVERTISEM

CITY CLERK'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that th
Equalization of Taxes for the Ci
Haute, will meet at the Council C
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and continue in session from day t
the equalization is complete, a
payers feeling themselves aggrieved
before said Board with their comp

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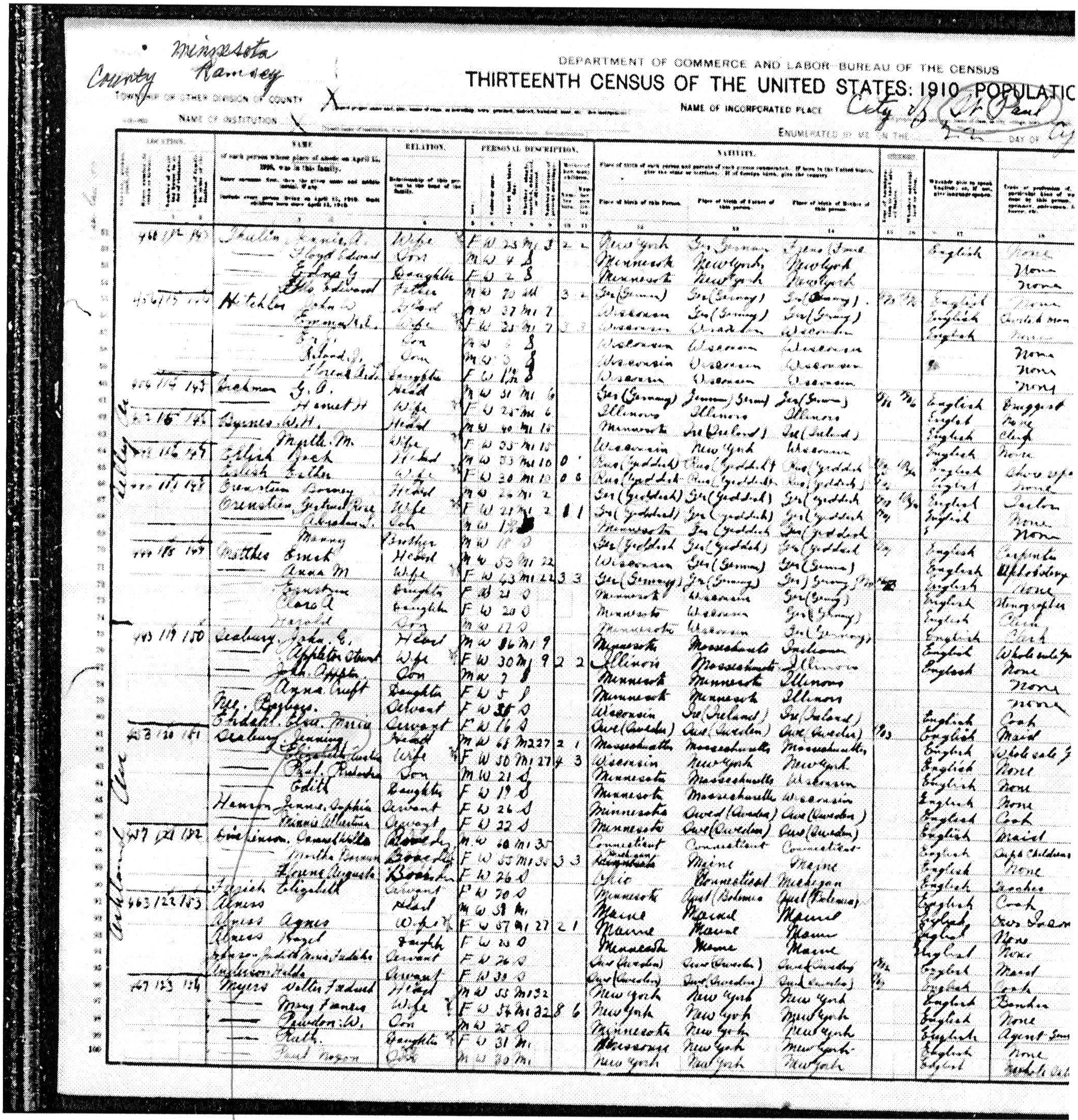
Synopsis of Ramsey Co. (St Paul) MN, 1880 Census

Carrie Seabury (1828– ? – sister to Chaning) born in MA
Chaning " (1843– ? " " "
Charles W. " (1872– ? "died quite young" son " " MN.
John " (1874 – ? " died in airplane accident MN.
→ married Anne ? and had 3 kids:

1) Mrs. Dor O. ?
2) John A.
3) Channing

1930 Widow Ann A. Seabury – 50 E.D. 62-102
sheet 4A
Channing 15 (in 1930)

St Paul, MN E.D. 93? sheet 10B



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County Ramsey

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY

NAME OF INSTITUTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 POPULATIO

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE City of St Paul

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 2? DAY OF Ap

Selby Av

Ashland Ave

LOCATION			NAME		RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION							NATIVITY						
													Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person				
458	112	142	Thulin	Jennie B.	Wife	F	W	23	M1	3	2	2	New York	Ger. German	[illegible]			English	None
			—	Floyd Edward	Son	M	W	4	S				Minnesota	New York	New York				None
				Edna G.	Daughter	F	W	2	S				Minnesota	New York	New York				None
				Otto Edward	Father	M	W	70	Wd		3	2	Ger(German)	Ger(Germany)	Ger(Germany)	[illegible]	[illegible]	English	None
456	115	144	Hetchler	John D.	Head	M	W	37	M1	7			Wisconsin	Ger(Germany)	Ger(Germany)			English	Clerk [illegible]
			—	Emma K. L.	Wife	F	W	25	M1	7	3	3	Wisconsin	[illegible]	Wisconsin			English	None
				[illegible]	Son	M	W	6	S				Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin				None
				Roland J.	Son	M	W	3	S				Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin				None
				Florence [illegible]	Daughter	F	W	1 4/12	S				Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin				None
456	114	143	Beckman	G. B.	Head	M	W	31	M1	6			Ger(Germany)	German/Germ.	Ger(German)	[illegible]	[illegible]	English	Druggist
			—	Harriet H.	Wife	F	W	25	M1	6			Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			English	None
462	116	146	Byrnes	W. H.	Head	M	W	40	M1	15			Minnesota	Ire(Ireland)	Ire(Ireland)			English	Clerk
				Myrtle M.	Wife	F	W	35	M1	15			Wisconsin	New York	Wisconsin			English	None
4??	116	147	Ehlich	Jack	Head	M	W	33	M1	10	0		Rus(Yiddish)	Rus(Yiddish)	Rus(Yiddish)	[illegible]	[illegible]	English	Shoe [illegible]
			Ehlich	Esther	Wife	F	W	30	M1	10	0	0	Rus(Yiddish)	Rus(Yiddish)	Rus(Yiddish)	[illegible]		English	None
4??	117	148	Granstein	Barney	Head	M	W	2?	M1	2			Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	[illegible]	[illegible]	English	Tailor
			Orenstein	Gertrude Rose	Wife	F	W	21	M1	2	1	1	Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	[illegible]		English	None
			—	Abraham L.	Son	M	W	1 2/12					Minnesota	Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)				None
			—	Manny	Brother	M	W	18	S				Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	Ger(Yiddish)	[illegible]		English	Carpenter
444	118	149	Matthes	Ernst	Head	M	W	53	M1	22			Wisconsin	Ger(German)	Ger(German)			English	Upholstery
			—	Anna M.	Wife	F	W	43	M1	22	3	3	Ger(Germany)	Ger(Germany)	Ger(Germany)	[illegible]		English	None
				Ernestine	Daughter	F	W	21	S				Minnesota	Wisconsin	Ger(Germany)			English	Stenographer
				Carol L.	Daughter	F	W	20	S				Minnesota	Wisconsin	Ger(Germany)			English	Clerk
				Harold	Son	M	W	17	S				Minnesota	Wisconsin	Ger(Germany)			English	Clerk
443	119	150	Seabury	John C.	Head	M	W	36	M1	9			Minnesota	Massachusetts	Indiana			English	Wholesale [illegible]
			—	Appleton Stuart	Wife	F	W	30	M1	9	2	2	Illinois	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	None
			—	John Appleton	Son	M	W	7	S				Minnesota	Minnesota	Illinois				None
			—	Anna Croft	Daughter	F	W	5	S				Minnesota	Minnesota	Illinois				None
			Mc.	Bogberg	Servant	F	W	30	S				Wisconsin	Ire(Ireland)	Ire(Ireland)			English	Cook
			Ohdahl	Elsa Maria	Servant	F	W	16	S				Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	1903		English	Maid
453	120	151	Seabury	Jenning	Head	M	W	68	M2	27	2	1	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts			English	Wholesale g
				Elizabeth Austin	Wife	F	W	50	M1	27	4	3	Wisconsin	New York	New York			English	None
			—	Paul Robertson	Son	M	W	21	S				Minnesota	Massachusetts	Wisconsin			English	None
				Edith	Daughter	F	W	19	S				Minnesota	Massachusetts	Wisconsin			English	None
			Hanson	Jennie Sophia	Servant	F	W	26	S				Minnesota	Swed(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)			English	Cook
			—	Minnie Albertina	Servant	F	W	22	S				Minnesota	Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)			English	Maid
457	121	152	Dickinson	Cornell Wells	Boarder	M	W	60	M1	35			Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut			English	Capt Childrens
			—	Martha Pierce	Boarder	F	W	55	M1	35	3	3	Michigan ~~[illegible]~~	Maine	Maine			English	None
				Florence Augusta	Boarder	F	W	26	S				Ohio	Connecticut	Michigan			English	Teacher
			Fergish	Elizabeth	Servant	F	W	70	S				Minnesota	Aust(Bohemia)	Aust(Bohemia)			English	Cook
463	122	153	Ames		Head	M	W	58	M1				Maine	Maine	Maine			English	Drs Iron
			Ames	Agnes	Wife	F	W	57	M1	27	2	1	Maine	Maine	Maine			English	None
			Ames	Hazel	Daughter	F	W	20	S				Minnesota	Maine	Maine			English	None
			Johnson	Judith Marie Tallaks	Servant	F	W	26	S				Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	[illegible]		English	Maid
			Anderson	Hilda	Servant	F	W	30	S				Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	Swe(Sweden)	[illegible]		English	Cook
467	123	154	Myers	Walter Edward	Head	M	W	53	M1	32			New York	New York	New York			English	Banker
			—	Mary Frances	Wife	F	W	54	M1	32	8	6	New York	New York	New York			English	None
			—	Brandon W.	Son	M	W	25	S				Minnesota	New York	New York			English	Agent [illegible]
			—	Ruth	Daughter	F	W	31	M1				Wisconsin	New York	New York			English	None
			—	Paul Noyes	Son	M	W	30	M1				New York	New York	New York			English	[illegible]

"Jenning" is probably Channing.

FULL NAME Edward — Cruft
First Name **Middle Name** **Last Name**

LODGE Terre Haute **Number** 19

Place of birth Terre Haute, Ind. **Date of Birth** Jan 30th 1832

Initiated	August 9th 1884	**Demitted**	
Passed	November 6th 1884	**Sus. N.P.D.**	
Raised	May 14th 1885	**Sus. U.M.C.**	
Affiliated		**Expelled**	
From		**Reinstated**	
Located at			
Date of demit		**Deceased**	August 5th 1888

(Use reverse side for offices held and remarks)

FULL NAME Charles — Cruft
First Name **Middle Name** **Last Name**

LODGE Terre Haute **Number** 19

Place of birth **Date of Birth** Jany 12th 1826

Initiated		**Demitted**	
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Raised		**Sus. U.M.C.**	
Affiliated	(XXXXXX)11- 2nd 1865	**Expelled**	
From		**Reinstated**	
Located at			
Date of demit		**Deceased**	March 23rd 1883

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FULL NAME John W. Cruft
First Name **Middle Name** **Last Name**

LODGE Terre Haute **Number** 19

Place of birth Terre Haute, Indiana **Date of Birth** Dec 20th 1844

Initiated	Sept 19th 1867	**Demitted**	
Passed	October 17th 1867	**Sus. N.P.D.**	
Raised	Nov 19th 1867	**Sus. U.M.C.**	
Affiliated		**Expelled**	
From		**Reinstated**	
Located at			
Date of demit		**Deceased**	Feby 3rd 1913

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FULL NAME John F Cruft
First Name **Middle Name** **Last Name**

LODGE Terre Haute **Number** 19
Terre Haute, Ind.

Place of birth **Date of birth**

Initiated	Feby 16th 1822	**Demitted**	July 17th 1823
Passed	Feby 16th 1822	**Sus. N.P.D.**	
Raised	Feby 19th 1822	**Sus. U.M.C.**	
Affiliated	April 5th 1827	**Expelled**	
From	No record from	**Reinstated**	
Located at	what lodge		
Date of demit		**Deceased**	

Demitted again December 5th 1827

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Cruft Family

I Hear the Tread of Pioneers

By John G. Biel

The time which Gen. U. S. Grant was compelled to consume at Fort Henry before proceeding to march upon Fort Donelson he used advantageously in reorganizing his army into what was afterward called—during the remainder of the War—the Army of the Tennessee.

The First Division of this reorganized army, under Brig. Gen. John A. MeClernand, was composed of three brigades; the Second Division, under Brig. Gen. Charles F. Smith, comprised five brigades, and the Third Division, under Brig. Gen. Lew Wallace, comprised three brigades. Commanding the First Brigade of the Third Division was Col. Charles Cruft. Under him were four infantry regiments: The Thirty-first Indiana, under Lieut. Col. John Osborne; the Forty-fourth Indiana under Col. H. B. Reed; the Seventeenth Kentucky under Col. John H. McHenry, Jr., and the Twenty-fifth Kentucky under Col. James M. Shackleford.

This Charles Cruft was from Terre Haute. His war record gave him a national reputation and, for him, the Cruft School in the City of Terre Haute was named.

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CHARLES CRUFT was born in Terre Haute on Jan. 12, 1826—when the little town of Terre Haute was not yet ten years old. His father was a pioneer merchant having come from New England where he had had the advantages of an extensive schooling. He gave to his son all the opportunities for education the little town of Terre Haute afforded at that time. Some of Charles Cruft's early teachers were Miss Bishop, Charles T. Noble and W. D. Griswold. This was all at a time when there were no "public" schools. Charles later attended Wabash College where he graduated in the class of 1843—when he was but 17 years old. He returned to Terre Haute and taught school with Robert Groes who, then, conducted a "classical school" on the southeast corner what is now Third Street and Ohio Street. He was later employed in early State Bank and studied law in the office of his former school teacher, W. D. Griswold. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1848 and did some work exclusively for the early railroad companies. After that he entered into a law partnership with John P. Baird of which it is recorded: "The brilliant genius of Colonel Baird as a pleader and court advocate was equalled only by General Cruft's ability as an advisor and counselor and to the latter fell all the office details in the innumerable causes in which they acted."

Charles Cruft volunteered his services when the War Between the States started and he was mustered into service on September 20, 1861, as Colonel of the Thirty-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. This Regiment went immediately to the south and was with Grant at Fort Donelson and at Shiloh. For his gallantry at Shiloh, Cruft was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General on July 16, 1862. After the war, Cruft returned to Terre Haute and resumed the practice of law. He died of heart disease on the morning of March 24, 1883—57 years old.

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Drowned!—We are pained to announce that our young friend WILLIAM CRUFT, son of the late Wm. Cruft, Esq. was drowned in the river at this place last Saturday night about 11 o'clock, while in bathing. He was seized with the cramp while in deep water and was drowned before assitance could be rendered. The body was recovered in a short time after the accident, but life was extinct. He was about twenty-one years of age, and was one of the most exemplary young men in the city, and had a host of friends attached to him by his many excellent qualities of head and heart, upon whom his sudden death has fallen like a thunder-stroke.

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Office of the
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March 28, 2005

Ms. Junel Davidsen
PO Box 10816
Salinas, CA 93912

Re: Cruft/Armstrong

Dear Ms. Davidsen:

Enclosed is information found on your relative *Charles Cruft* and possibly other members of the family.

The membership cards show the dates of the three degrees of Freemasonry. Entered Apprentice degree (initiated), Fellow Craft degree (passed) and Master Mason degree (raised).

Charles Cruft affiliated with Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, on November 2, 1865, however, his original Lodge is not listed. There were other Cruft and Armstrong members in Terre Haute Lodge and those membership cards were also copied for you.

In the historical file for Terre Haute Lodge, I found a few articles about Charles Cruft. Enclosed is an article about Howard George Armstrong, who may or may not have a family tie and John W. Cruft. (did not send to library)

The Knights Templar is an appendant body of the Masonic Lodge and is part of the York Rite organization.

I hope this information is helpful to you in your search for family history.

Sincerely,

Wanda Smith

Wanda Smith
Grand Lodge office

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi Architecti Gloriam

Spes Mea in Dea Est.

Ordo Ab. Chao.

Office of the Deputy

of the

Supreme Council of Sov∴Gr∴Ins∴Gen∴33°
A∴A∴S∴R∴

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. of A.
District of Indiana

Orient of Fort Wayne, March 25, 1913.

To the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council:

To the Presiding Officers and Brethren of the valley of this District:

Dear Brethren:

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of a very zealous and devoted member of our Craft, who has recently been called from labor to refreshment and to receive the reward of a well-spent life.

Illustrious Brother John W. Cruft, 33°, was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, December 21, 1844; died at Los Angeles, California, February 4, 1913.

He spent his life in the city of his nativity. He was the third son of parents who were of the first and most honored among the pioneers of the Wabash Valley.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, his brother, the late General Charles Cruft, a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana, volunteered, and having large business interests at stake in Terre Haute, such was his confidence in his brother, a youth of 17, placed him in charge and he conducted this business with rare intelligence and diligence.

At the close of the war and on the return of his brother, he went into the service of the then Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Co. as clerk in its General Office, and climbed the rungs of the ladder through intelligence, accuracy and diligence, until he filled the office of Treasurer, in which capacity he served until ill health warned him to cease, in a great measure, the exacting duties of active business, and in May 1893, he resigned that office, since which date he devoted his time to his private business. Though occupying a conspicuous place in the business world of his home city, it was in another phase of life in which he was noted by his fellow men. From boyhood through life, his bright cheerfulness, his kindness of heart towards others and geniality of manner, attracted all with whom he came in contact. Of late years, Brother Cruft spent much time in travel, first thoroughly touring his own country, afterwards taking in foreign countries, thrice visiting Europe, and in 1908 he made a tour of the world, occupying over a year's time.

In Masonry, the name of Cruft is synonymous with its history in Terre Haute. On February 19, 1822, his father, John Foster Cruft, was made a Master Mason in Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, the Lodge itself, at that time, being less than three years in existence, and at a period when Masonry had to fight hard for its very life. Of General Charles Cruft, brother of the subject of this sketch, it is not necessary to exploit his Masonic history, for it is too well known to require repetition.

Brother Cruft had gone to California to spend the winter, but soon after his arrival there, contracted a cold, which developed into Pneumonia and after a very brief illness he died, and his death caused a shock and wide spread sorrow.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Steele (daughter of the late General George K. Steele, of Rockville, Ind.), in 1880, who died in August, 1907, and is survived by an only child, Mrs. Harry L. English, of Atlanta, Ga.

His will be a distinct loss to Masons and Masonry in Terre Haute. His careful consideration of all matters submitted to him, conscientious discharge of all his duties, both as a citizen and a Mason, his geniality and courteousness of manner will be sadly missed.

Brother John William Cruft, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, November 19, 1867.

He was Junior Warden during the year of 1886 and 1887 and Senior Warden in 1888, and was Master of his Lodge for the year 1889.

He received Mark Master's degree, January 29, 1869, Past Master, March 12, 1869, Most Excellent degree, April 9, 1869, and Exalted to the Royal Arch, May 14, 1869, in Terre Haute Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.

Received the Order of the Red Cross, December 6, 1872, and created Knight Templar, December 14, 1872, in Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 K. T. Serving in the subordinate stations, he was Eminent Commander during the year 1883, serving with characteristic zeal and dignity.

He received the 32° of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry in Indiana Consistory, Indianapolis, in March, 1884, and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, August, 1886.

His funeral was conducted by Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, with the escort of Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, K. T., and interment in

Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana, February 10, 1913, with full Masonic ceremonies. The Supreme Council was represented by Illustrious Bro. Roscoe O. Hawkins, active 33°, and the Consistory by Bro. Francis T. Holliday, 32°. The very large attendance of Masons and Citizens of all the walks of life bore evidence of the affection and esteem in which he was held.

In loving remembrance of our dear Brother it is hereby directed that this circular be read in each of the bodies of the Rite at the first meeting after receipt thereof, the Altar and Working Tools be draped with Violet, and all Active and Honorary Members wear the regulation Badge of Mourning for a space of forty days.

Given at our Orient of Fort Wayne the day and date above written.

Wm. Geake, 33°

Sov. Gr. Ins.-Gen. and Deputy for Indiana,

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June 8 Obituary. 1882.

MRS. ELIZA BLACKBURN CRUFT.

The death of Mrs. Eliza Blackburn Cruft, which occurred at her residence in this city on Thursday, the 8th instant, has added another to the list of our loved and venerable citizens who have, within a few years, fallen into their last sleep upon earth. If the possession of all the highest virtues and the devotion of family and friends could have lengthened out her life, she would have been still further spared to those who have so long shared with her the joys and happiness of this world. But the disease which has long afflicted her, and which she bore with true christian fortitude and resignation, was too powerful for her debilitated constitution, and when the dread messenger appeared she gently fell into his arms, and yielded up her spirit as only a sincere christian can, who realizes that the darkness of the tomb cannot shut out the light of immortality.

Mrs. Cruft was born in Butler county, Ohio, in August, 1807, and was consequently, 74 years and 10 months of age. Her family were among the very earliest settlers of this section of the Wabash valley, her parents having taken up their residence near Carlisle, in Sullivan county, in 1810—the year that Indiana was admitted into the Union. She was then only a child of nine years of age. In 1825 she married William Shaw Cruft, Esq., who was for about twenty years, a successful merchant and most estimable citizen of Carlisle. In 1845 Mr. and Mrs. Cruft became residents of this city, but his death occurred within two weeks of the time of their arrival here. Since then she has remained here, well known to our citizens, and especially loved by the Christian circle in which she moved—having been, for many years, a devoted and constant member of the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Cruft leaves three daughters, one of whom is the wife of George E. Brokaw, E q., of this city, and a large circle of loving friends to mourn her loss. But they do not mourn without consolation, realizing, as they do, that her spirit is clothed with "the robes of righteousness" in a better world of everlasting life and love.

"Precious, precious to Jehovah is His children's holy sleep:
He is with them in the passing through the waters cold and deep:
Everlasting love enfolds them softly, sweetly to His breast,
Everlasting love receives them to His glory and His rest.

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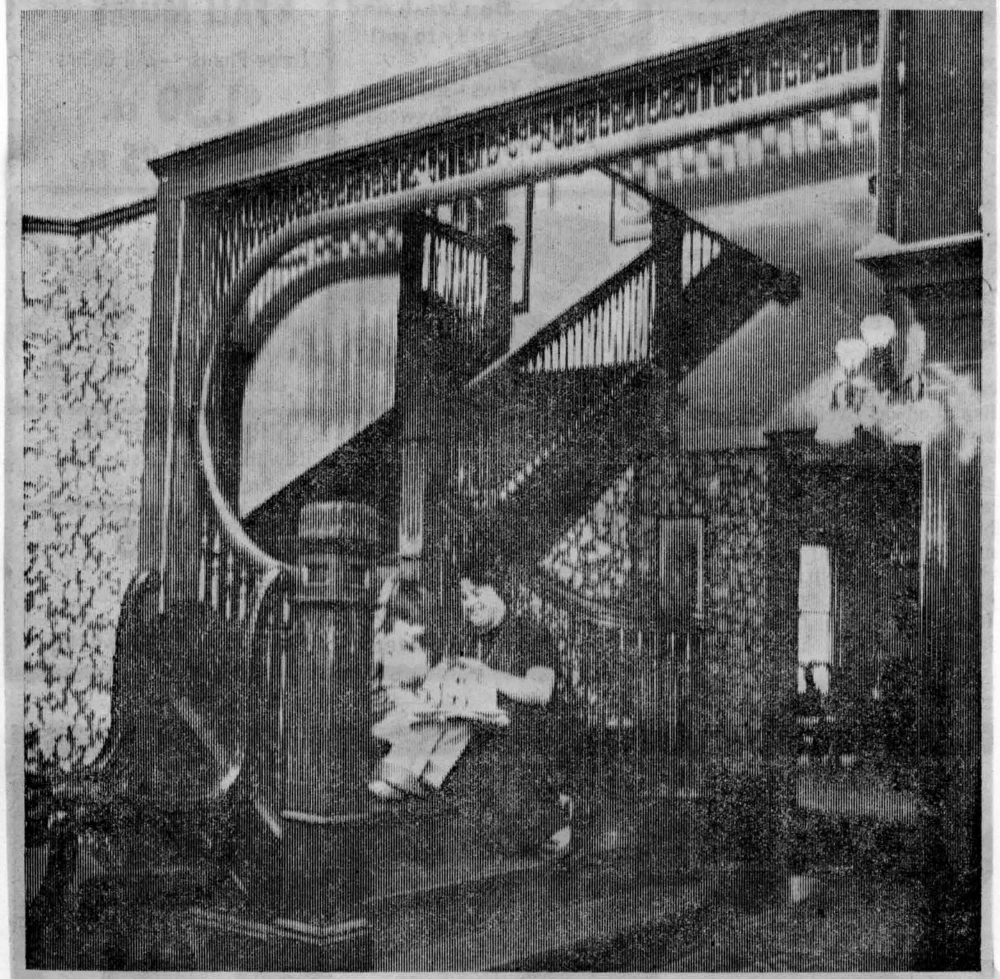

SHOWN on the interesting Victorian stairway of their home at 800 S. 6th St. are Mrs. Charles Ward and her daughter, Sarah. This is one of the homes featured this year on City Panhellenic's annual Christmas Walk, a ways and means project planned to raise funds for ISU scholarships.

Photo by House of Photography.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ward is located at 800 S. 6th St. Built for the John W. Cruft family in 1893, it was later the home of the James A. Crawford family and was purchased by the Wards from Mrs. Willian Hughes (Helen Crawford) in 1969.

Both the exterior and interior of the house have been little altered over the years. The original gas light chandeliers, oak and cherry woodwork, fireplace mantels, and wainscotting have been retained.

The first floor of the house consists of a large circular entrance hall, living room, library, dining room, and kitchen with butler's pantry. There are three fireplaces on the first floor. On the second floor five bedrooms adjoin a spacious central hall.

The master bedroom is in the upper part of the turret and has a small gas fireplace. Adjoining the bedroom is a room used as a sittingroom which also contains a fireplace.

The house contains pieces of Queen Anne, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Empire, and Victorian furniture which have been both inherited and purchased by the Wards.

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Cruft Family

From: David Lewis
To: Davidsen
Date: 5/14/2005 12:09:14 PM
Subject: RE: FW: WWW Question

Hello,

Thanks again for sending the packet of material on the Cruft family including Masonic records. I will add it to our Cruft file.

The copies I am sending you include 3 obituaries and the 1870 marriage notice of Fannie Cruft and Channing Seabury of St. Paul. That was the only way I was able to find "Chaning" in the 1880 MN census and Fannie had died leaving 2 young sons.

Yes, I noticed the hard-to-read Enes or Eves surname and think you will surely be able to get that clarified when you check MN marriages of the 20th Century, and I hope obituary indexes and St. Paul Cemetery records also help you and maybe city directories.

I feel that that these Seaburys are the only hope for finding living Cruft descendants. This is because:

1) Gen. Charles Cruft was childless.
2) His sister Anna C. Cruft died in 1840? and was a child.
3) Henry Clay Cruft died in 1849 at age 20 and there isn't any record of a marriage for him.
4) Edward Cruft , Jan. 30, 1833-Aug. 3, 1888, died under very gross circumstances at his home at 802 S. 4th St and I'm sending you his obit. He left a wife and 2 stepchildren. The wife must have remarried but we don't know but Edward is buried by himself at Highland Lawn.
5) Lucia married a C.F. Putnam and lived in NY for many years but had no children. I have a death date for her of 1918.
6) John William Cruft (1844-1913) was the youngest sibling of Charles and married twice. The first wife died shortly after childbirth as did the baby son. By his second wife he had Florence, who became Mrs. Harry E. English but they didn't have any children.
7) Frances or Fannie married C. Seabury in TH in June 1870 and had 2 sons, one of whom (John) had children and these are the ONLY Cruft descendants that I can find.

Please send the VCPL $5.16 to cover its photocopying and postage expense at your soonest convenience. Thank you.

Last Sat. a week ago I was up to Woodlawn and viewed the Cruft plot and there weren't any decorations. These will probably be placed on the veterans' graves shortly before Memorial Day.

Junel, I checked all the sources I could think of and don't think I can find much, if anything more, on the Crufts. Even the first cousins of Charles Cruft - children of his Uncle Wm Shaw Cruft of Carlisle and later TH did not seem to have any children. One of William's daughters married a Brokaw and had a son and daughter but neither of them married. All of Mrs. Brokaw's sisters never married. They were first cousins to Gen. Charles Cruft.

I hope this helps.

Sincerely,
David N. Lewis
Special Collections Research

>> "Davidsen" <mynetmail@pacbell.net> 5/10/2005 9:39:39 PM >>>
Hi David,
Thanks for the census information. I would like the printouts as I don't have a printer at the moment (let me know cost). I have been trying to

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From: "Davidsen" <mynetmail@pacbell.net>
To: "'David Lewis'" <DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us>
Date: 5/10/2005 9:39:42 PM
Subject: RE: FW: WWW Question

Hi David,
Thanks for the census information. I would like the printouts as I don't have a printer at the moment (let me know cost). I have been trying to follow the Seabury family. Anne Cruft Seabury married someone named Enes or Eves (or some close spelling), according to the handwritten note. Can't tell for sure. Maybe she didn't marry until after 1930. I will take your advice and check with the library. There are some newspaper clippings in the Gordon scrapbook and pages that I haven't copied yet. I checked at the library today where the film is on permanent retention and saw an article about how the young Channing Seabury died, didn't parachute soon enough! No family information was given in that article. I need to collect dates before corresponding with the library but it has to wait until Friday. I have a college exam on Thursday.
You sent me the transcribed letter and family information from Virginia Smith a couple of years ago. I actually found her on the internet and she said she wanted to compare notes. I wrote back to her and she was lost again.
When I get the children of Andrew and Elizabeth Armstrong placed with more certainty, I will forward a report for your files. For now you can view the family of Anna Armstrong Gordon's brother, William Armstrong online at: www.junel.com

All for now. I appreciate your many kindnesses and your ability to put people and families together so quickly!
Junel

-----Original Message-----
From: David Lewis [mailto:DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 3:30 PM
To: mynetmail@pacbell.net
Subject: RE: FW: WWW Question

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Hello,

The packet of information that you mailed recently appeared on my desk while I was at lunch today. Thank you!

I have looked the material over rather quickly and decided to check further into the MN census (St. Paul) so that although I didn't find them there in 1900 I did find (some of them) there in 1910, i.e. John E. Seabury apparently married an Ann Appleton and they had a son and daughter named John Appleton and Anna Cruft Seabury who were, respectively, 7 and 5. Next door was his father but here named "Jenning" Seabury with his wife Elizabeth Austin of 27 yrs so they must have married c. 1883.

Then in 1920 the John E. Seabury family was living at 683 Goodrich Ave. in St. Paul. The only Channing listed is 5, so his grandfather also named Channing must have died between 1910 and 1920. John Appleton and his sister Anna Cruft Seabury are 16 and 15.

Ind. Pamph. File. Make folder for Cruft, Charles.

Ind. T.H. Biography - 1/63

GENERAL CHARLES CRUFT

INDIANA ROOM

From an article written for the
Terre Haute papers May 30, 1938
by Anna Bowles Wiley. (SBK 79, p42)

"Looking backward into the dim past of this section one notes the name of Gen. Charles Cruft, born in Terre Haute, January 12, 1826, an average citizen when of mature age and under the inspiration of cannon balls a hero.

General Cruft died on March 24, 1883. A man who had lived his life well. He was a graduate of Wabash College, an editor, a lawyer, and a business man of a cold temperament, yet a leader of men. Cruft's brigade, the 31st 44th Indiana and the 17th and 25th of Kentucky were famed regiments during the Civil war.

(Ft. Donelson)

At Ft. Donaldson the soldiers had nothing but moldy bread to eat and it was so cold that water had to be thawed in the canteens after the fires were made.

Colonel Cruft headed the first regiment which had formed the right wing of General Buell's army at Calhoun and then on to Ft. Donaldson. He was wounded three times. A bullet cut through his shoulder once, and a second time one lodged in his thigh, while a piece of shell stuck fast in his skull.

He picked them out without dismounting from his horse, as cooly as a man would draw a splinter from his finger, it is said, at the Battle of Shiloh, when the Fighting Fourth drew up for battle.

Colonel Gruft's father was John F. Cruft, a pioneer merchant of Terre Haute. Cruft himself went to ~~the~~ village school and his early teachers were Miss Bishop, Charles T. Noble, W. D. Griswold and later he weht to Wabash College, then under the presidency of Rev. Charles White, D. D., and he graduated with the class of 1843.

He was engaged as an assistant teacher in a classical school at Third and Ohio streets, assisting Rev. Robert Croes. He was later employed as a clerk in the old State Bank, after which he studied law in the office of his old teacher, W. D. Griswold.

He was admitted to the bar in 1848 and was in partnership with John F. Baird, who was a brilliant jurist as well as an advisor and counselor. No law firm stood higher in those days than Baird and Cruft.

His war record gave him national repute. He entered service as the colonel of the celebrated 31st regiment Indiana Volunteers, and mustered into service Sept. 20, 1861. They went into the south by way of Evansville, joning General Grant at Ft. Donaldson and Shiloh, where they were cited for remarkable gallantry. Colonel Cruft was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on July 16, 1862.

In the simple record of the battles participated in by him lies a volume of history of bravery and heroism.

Perhaps his own sentiments given in an address at the reunion of the army of the Cumberland at Chicago in 1868 would give an estimate of Col. Cruft as warrior and man when he said, "Your example in quietly returning to your homes from the bloody scenes of four years of war, is full of meaning and instruction. The lesson to be learned from such conduct was not lost in the world – today the monarchs of Europe wonder how it was done. All civilization is anxious to know how 100,000 soldiers, all volunteers who have fought to a successful issue the most malignant civil was which time has yet recorded, have quietly stacked their guns and betaken themselves to civil pursuits."

BATTLE LORE

It was recorded of General Cruft that during his long career in the Masonic fraternity as well as the Grand Army Republic, and other military organizations, that he displayed a wonderful and relentless memory of names and faces and could place with great correctness all the brothers and comrades with whom he came in contact.

His mind was of a seriousness that made him avid for unusual and profound study. He studied the classics under W. D. Griswold. Footprints of history traced backward reveal the fact that great courage was possessed by Gen. Cruft.

When wounded at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing during the war, he refused to leave the field until the close of the engagement although he suffered much pain and loss of blood. He reported after the battle that his men fired 100 rounds of ammunition per man with piles of enemy lying dead along our front.

The 31st Regiment was organized at Terre Haute and mustered into service for three years on Sept. 15, 1861. The first camp was made at Calhoun, Ky., on the Green river, where they remained until a few days before the siege at Ft. Donaldson.

Twelve members were killed and 52 wounded in this engagement and four reported missing. They then marched into Ft. Henry on March 10, 1862. They joined General Grant's expedition up the Tennessee river to Pittsburgh Landing. They arrived there on the 15th and were assigned to the third brigade of General S. A. Hurkbut's division.

A monument was erected to the memory of the 31st Infantry, regular volunteers at Shiloh National Military Park at Pittsbburgh Landing, because they held this position against repeated charges of the enemy. During this time between 8:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. the woods caught fire and many dead and wounded burned.

The engagements of the Hamburg road where they were transferred resulted in two officers and 19 men being killed and four officers and 110 men being wounded. Two men were missing.

The enemy regiment marched up from a deep ravine with Confederate flags flying, as if on dress parade, coming nearer and nearer, and the 31st advanced prompltly to meet them but was forced back.

The records show us that the 31st with General Cruft gave good account of themselves at Shiloh, at Stone River, Perrysville, Ky., Chickamauga, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, Tenn., battles.

It is not generally known, but President William Henry Harrison was at one time a brigade commander under Gen. Charles Cruft, and there was a warm friendship between the two men, a friendship which lasted until President Harrison's death.

Is this correct?? I doubt it.

One recalls that among the men whose names were on the roll of the regiment were Col. W. H. Fairbanks, who went further in advancement to lieutenant colonel before the close of the war in the 149th Indiana; Col. C. M. Smith, who was also a lieut. col.,; Capt. A. C. Ford of the firm of Ford & Hutton; Capt. S. C. Scott, who was in the revenue service when he left; George W. Miller, of the post office force; William M. Mason, a brick mason; C. E. Melvin, William Nichols, Samuel J. Willis, John Clark, John Compton, George Stalnaker, William Hendrick, Harvey Gering, Hiram Steel, along with 285 others.

General Cruft was the only man to attain the rank of major general during the war. A brevet was conferred on him by President Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of his visit to Washington, March of 1865, after the delivery of his troops to Gen. W. T. Sherman at Goldsboro, N. C.

IN TIMES OF PEACE

He came to Terre Haute after the war and resumed his practice of law with his partner, Col. John P. Baird, which practice had been dissolved when both men went to war. He died at Easter time at the age of 57 years. He was living at the northeast corner of Sixth and Oak streets. He was president of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, and was judge on the bench when he passed.

His funeral was a very large one, for military and legal lights came from great distances to attend.

He was a Knights Templar and the commandry went in a body, the past grand master, Alexander Thomas, leading them. The Terre Haute Ringgold band, the G. A. R., the Hagan veterands, the McKeen Cadets, Paris Commandry, were in the procession which moved north to Sixth and Main street, east to Seventh and on to St. Stephen's Church.

The Hagar Veterans acted as an escort to the hearse to Woodlawn cemetery where the warrior was laid to rest. The pall bearers stood with swords crossed over the grave. The ~~command-of-M-~~ G.A.R. with Morton Post, under the command of Mort C. Rankin, and Chaplain James F. Murphy, placed a huge wreath of myrtle and evergreen, typifying eternal life, on the grave.

Comrade John F. O'Reilly, as Indiana commander, placed a white rose, emblem of purity, and Charles F. Darnell, as third commander, a sprig of laurel, signifying victory, thereon, and three volleys were fired by the Hagar veterans.

General Charles Cruft was all his life a man of retiring havits. He was a bachelor, and devoted to his books, of which he possessed 100 on Masonry.

General Cruft was one of the original members of the Rose Polytechnic board of directors appointed by Chauncey Rose. Contrary to the liking of the late Daniel Voorhees, who was a brilliant criminal lawyer, General Cruft cared not for such cases but as a legal light none surpassed him."

Cruft Family

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OBITUARY.

N M. MODESITT.

Welton M. Modesitt died
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as been in fairly good
Modesitt was a brother of
Warren of this city and of
Modesitt. One grandson
living in Buffalo. He was
gregational minister for
of culture, gentle and re-
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He performed the marriage
Mr. and Mrs. Jay H. Keyes.
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nd the funeral which takes
fternoon.

BALL SCANDAL

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Under Suspicion.

Mass. Nov. 20.—Assistant
was barred from the secret
e Harvard foot ball team
head coach Farley. It was
t Farley and Captain Ker-
arvard team, had received
at Mason had used his
Harvard tactics to help
last Saturday's game. At
n Mason appeared on Sold-
practice yesterday coach
Farley objected to his presence and after some talk Mason was accompanied off the field by another coach.

Coach Farley says that he had good reason for acting as he did, but beyond that he will not discuss the case.

Mason is a former foot ball player and star member of the Harvard base ball team.

J. W. CRUFT RETURNS AFTER FIVE MONTHS

Mr. J. W. Cruft is in the city having come from New York. He will be here but a few days when he will join Mrs. Cruft in Atlanta. Later they will go farther south for the winter and in May he and Mrs. Cruft will be back permanently in this city. Mr. Cruft has not sold his handsome south Sixth street residence and has no thought of doing so. "There's no place like Terre Haute," said he enthusiastically today. "It is our home and we always expect to live here; but, for a time will be in the South near our daughter, Mrs. Harry English."

Mr. Cruft has been absent from the city for five months, a longer continuous period than he has ever before been away from Terre Haute. He made a tour of Europe in company with Capt. English, of Atlanta, father of Mr. Harry English. He has given the Gazette an interesting interview on his tour which will appear in The Gazette on Saturday.

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Cruft Family

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Cruft Family Bible Tells Much About Local History

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

A large red leather Bible decorated with gold tooling and the name "William S. Cruft" stamped in gold on the front cover was recently given to the Vigo County Historical Society by Mrs. Ida Fletcher of 1539 So. 14th St. The Bible was printed in Philadelphia, but there was no date to be found. Because of the very early records inscribed on the Family Records pages, the Bible would have been printed prior to 1825.

The first entry was "William Shaw Cruft and Eliza Blackburn were joined in marriage by the Rev. Samuel Hull on the first day of December, 1825, in Haddon Township, Sullivan County, State of Indiana."

William Shaw Cruft, the second son of John and Lucia Crocker Cruft, was born in Boston, Mass., on March 26th, 1803. Eliza Blackburn, the second daughter of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, was born in Hamilton Township, Butler County, State of Ohio, on the 22nd of August, 1807.

Their first child, John Foster Cruft, was born August 10, 1827, in Carlisle, Indiana. He died at the age of ten months. Their second child, Lucia Ann Cruft, was born June 16, 1829, in Carlisle. There is no further mention of her in the Bible.

Their third child, Elizabeth Blackburn Cruft, was born March 15, 1831, in Carlisle. She married George E. Brokaw in 1853 at her widowed mother's home on South 5th street, in Terre Haute. The fourth child, and third daughter, was born in 1833 and lived a few hours. The fifth child, Frances Ann Cruft, was born Jan. 3, 1835, in Carlisle. There is no further mention of her in the Bible.

The sixth child William Shaw Cruft was born Feb. 3 1837 in Carlise and lived only 14 months.

The seventh and last child, again named for the father William Shaw Cruft, was born Dec. 19, 1838, in Carlisle. When he was 21 years old he was drowned while bathing in the Wabash river at Terre Haute on July 28th, 1859. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. All the previous family deaths had occurred at Carlisle, so they were buried in the Carlisle Burial Grounds.

DOROTHY J. CLARK

The two brothers, prominent pioneer merchants, John F. and William S. Cruft, came to Terre Haute in 1823 and 1824. John F. Cruft was the older, having been born in 1800 in Boston, Mass.

Their first store was on the corner of First and Water streets. In 1826 the store was a two-story frame building with a red roof half way between Second and Third on Ohio street.

In 1827 the firm established branch at Carlisle in charge of William S. Cruft. He was inclined to be literary in his tastes and in conection with W. D. Morgan established an academy at Carlisle. In 1845 he returned to Terre Haute where he died soon after, aged 43 years,, and lies buried in Woodlawn.

From local history sourced there is much to be learned about the Cruft family. They obtained a tavern license in 1824. A copy of the WESTERN REGISTER dated July 28, 1827 has a notice of J. F. and W. S. Cruft. "Received by steamer WABASH, big stock of new goods—whiskey, beeswax, corn fed pork, flax and tow linen taken in exchange."

In 1828 John F. Cruft was Postmaster of Terre Haute until 1830 when President Jackson was elected. In later years he engaged in pork-packing was active in church affairs, and died in 1862. The Cruft pork-packing plant was on the river bank immediately above the Paddock and Company's plant.

Marriage records at the Courthouse show that Frances Cruft married Channing Seabury in 1870. Lucia E. Cruft married Charles F. Putnam in 1877.

Old county histories give more information about the Cruft family. One tells that Elizabeth B. Cruft graduated in 1848 at the first annual commencement of the Vigo County Seminary and read a composition. During the late 1850's Terre Haute society was at its best. Miss Cruft was among the many brilliant and beautiful young ladies listed at all the parties and balls.

Home Was Girls' School

The old Cruft homestead at the northeast corner of Sixth and Oak streets was built in 1838 by a Mr. Jackson for a Presbyterian school for girls, but was not opened as such, the house being sold shortly to John F. Cruft and occupied by the Cruft family until 1888, when J. W. Cruft sold the lot to Joseph Strong. The old house was then sold to Col. George H. Purdy. who moved it to a lot purchased of the Deming estate on the southwest corner of Center and Oak streets where it was remodelled into a double house.

Active in community affairs John F. Cruft was appointed in May, 1826 to the committee to build the new jail on the southwest corner of Third and Wabash.

He and his wife Elizabeth and Mary E. Cruft were charter members of the First Congregational Church organized here in 1834. In 1848 they were members of the colony which broke away from the First Congregational and organized the Presbyterian church here.

Being educated himself with the New Englander's love of learning, Mr. Cruft gave his son Charles. born in Terre Haute on Jan. 12, 1826, all the advantages of our village schools. His early teachers were Miss Bishop, Charles T. Noble and W. D. Griswold who **taught the classics at the Old Brick School House which John F. Cruft helped organize in 1827.**

Charles Cruft was sent to Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., and graduated with the class of 1843. After graduation he was assistant teacher in the Classical School taught by Rev. Robert Croes on the southeast corner of Third and Ohio streets.

He was employed as clerk in the State Bank, after which he studied law in the office of his old teacher W. D. Griswold and was admitted to the bar in 1848. For some time he was involved in railroad affairs. After this he formed a law patrnership with John P. Baird. General Cruft's Civil War record gave him national prominence. He entered service Sept., 1861 as Colonel of the celebrated 31st Regiment, Ind. Vols.; and was with Grant at Fort Donelson, and Shiloh. For remarkable gallentry at Shiloh, Cruft was promoted to Brigadier General on July 16, 1862. He was active in Masonic affairs, the G.A.R. and other military organizations until his death Mar. 24. 1883.

There are still descendants of the Cruft family residing in this area.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Wm. A. McCoy, of Chicago, is visiting her parents on south Fifth street.

Miss Emma Faris is visiting in Henderson, Ky.

Mrs. O. C. Brown and daughter have gone to their future home in New Albany, Ind.

Harry Segars spent Sunday in Indianapolis.

Mayor Kolsem has gone to Maysville, New York. Justice Slaughter is acting Mayor.

John Foley has gone on a northern trip.

Miss Clara Rockwell is visiting in Cincinnati.

Walter Farris is visiting in Bloomington.

Louis Holtman, editor of the Brazil Democrat, was in the city Saturday night.

Joshua Ernest, of Sullivan, was in the city Saturday.

Miss Laura Miller, of Lafayette, is visiting relatives in the city.

Chas. Garen and wife are visiting friends in Cincinnati Ohio.

Miss Anna Wilson has returned from siting friends in Rockville,

Mrs. S. C. Dalton and her son William of Fontanet, were in the city this morning.

Major James M. Hoskins, of Brazil, was in the city this morning.

L. H. Gunn, of Pimento, left this morning for French Lick Springs.

Chas. Crain and Allie Baker left for Lake Mills this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fairbanks returned last night from their bridal tour,

W. Denby, ex-graduate of the Polytechnic, now attending school at Cornell University, is in the city.

John H. Berry and Sheldon Swope have gone to French Lick Springs for a weeks. They will be joined in a few days by John Beggs and Al Grimes.

Mrs. Boland and daughter, Miss Emma, have returned from Lake Geneva.

Will Carbee, H. Albrecht, George Rogers and Ed Cox left for Lake Maxinkuckee this morning for a two weeks camping trip.

Mrs. Hannah Tutt and children have removed to this city from Brazil. Mrs. Tutt is a daughter of Captain S. H. Potter.

Misses Hallie and Helen Baird went to Terre Haute today to visit their cousins, the Misses Merrey.—[Paris Beacon.

The Misses Manlove, of Terre Haute, who visited several weeks in this city, are now camping with Delphi friends on the Tippecanoe.—[Lafayette Journal.

Miss Cora Miller, of north Fifth street,

FOUND DEAD.

Edward Cruft Found in an Advanced State of Decomposition.

After Lying Two Days and Nights in His House.

About half past nine o'clock on Sunday morning John B. Rupe, bailiff of the Superior Court, discovered the remains of Edward Cruft in a front room of the latter's house, on the corner of Fourth and Deming streets. The body was in a horrible state of decomposition, almost ready to burst from the accumulation of gasses and the carpet for several feet around was saturated with fluids from the corpse which was almost entirely black and presented a most sickening spectacle. Coroner Haworth and Undertaker Ball were notified. It was found that the remains were much too far gone to admit of embalming and that an immediate burial was necessary. It was with great difficulty that the remains were carried down stairs by Mr. Edes and assistants in a rubber blanket. Coroner Haworth found that death had resulted from heart disease and was probably instantaneous and painless.

Mr. Cruft was found entirely undressed, excepting undershirt and drawers, and was lying on his face with his left arm under his head, which was toward the east window. He might have fallen in that position or laid down.

The circumstances are as follows:

Two weeks ago Mrs. Cruft, her daughter (a step child of Mr. Edward Cruft's) and her son left for Vincennes and have been visiting at a relatives' some five miles out. Mr. Cruft has slept at the house and taken his meals down town. On Monday night about nine o'clock Mr. Rupe, who lives in the north half of the double house heard Mr. Cruft come home. The partition is thin and all movements on the other side can be readily heard. Usually they hear him climb the stairs at the rear of the house but that night they did not and think now that he must have taken off his shoes at the foot of the stairs. They heard him strike three or four matches, and then heard him walk over the house and carefully lock all the windows. This he has always done. After that all noise ceased. Frequently he walked about for some time but on that night he did not. On Friday he was not seen and Mr. Rupe asked some persons down town if Mr. Cruft had gone to Vincennes. He concluded that he had gone down to meet his wife. There was an odor in the house then but he did not think it came from the Cruft side, but attributed it to the stables across the street. The next day, (Saturday) the odor was very bad indeed and Mr. Rupe suggested to his wife that they investigate Cruft's house but she said if he was not there he would be angry when he returned. Saturday night the smell was so awful that people passing the street below noticed it and Mr. Rupe says he and his family could not sleep. Accordingly on Sunday morning he went to Dr. Treat and told him about it and the concluded to investigate. Climbing onto the portico and opening the blinds the remains were found as above stated. Mr. Harry Baker says he rode down on the Third street car with Mr. Cruft on Thursday night. This was the last seen of him.

The family and relatives and the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Cruft was a member, were notified and also the Grand Army, and the funeral was held late in the afternoon.

Mrs. Cruft and the children returned from Vincennes last night.

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[illegible] question on which Gen. Harrison is the consistent exponent of the principles of his party. When the Republican party had its birth, a Chinese laborer had perhaps never been seen on American soil. The Chinese empire at that time was an isolated, lonesome power, seeking neither negotiations nor alliances with other nations, and submitting to none, if they could be avoided. With the coming of the Republican party came the Burlingame treaty, and other equally pernicious measures, opening our shores to Chinese immigration, and putting the Chinaman, with his Asiatic blood and habits, in competition with the American laborer. Every almond-eyed Mongolian now in the United States is here as the result of treaties and laws made by the Republican party; and when Harrison voted fourteen times in the Senate against restrictions on Chinese immigration, he was simply carrying out the principles and adhering to the established practices of his party. When he voted in the Forty-seventh Congress against both the bills reported by Senator Miller, of California, and Mr. Page, of the house, restricting the immigration of Chinese laborers into the United States, he was faithful to his instincts of hostility to American labor. When he voted to strike out of these measures all restriction on the right and power of the state courts and of the United States courts, to naturalize the Chinese and to admit them to citizenship, he was not only consistent with the teachings and logic of his party, but also with the sanction he himself gave to the naturalization of Chinamen at Indianapolis, procured by his law partner from the courts with his full knowledge and approval. If the American laborer wants the cheap-living, rat-eating Chinaman as his competitor in every branch of industry, and also as his opponent and rival at the ballot-box, he can not more plainly make his wishes known than to vote for Gen. Harrison. His election would convey an invitation to the tawny, pig-tailed sons of the celestial empire, as broad and far-reaching as the divine grace extends to sinners: "Come one, come all."

STATE PRIDE.

I have heard, however, that the people of Indiana are expected to support Gen. Harrison on a sentiment, the sentiment of state pride. Will *Democrats* feel drawn by state pride to vote for one who, in order to return to the Senate, slandered the legislature of Indiana and attempted, in January, 1885. to pervert its honest majority into a minority by expelling the old iron puddler and Knight of Labor, Cornelius Meagher, Democratic member in this county? And upon the pride of the people of Indiana, generally, irrespective of party, what claim has Gen. Harrison, growing out of his own state pride, coupled with a proper regard and care for her good name and fame among her sister states and throughout the world. The Republican presidential candidate in the last campaign, as you all too well remember, brought an action of slander against a Democratic newspaper of Indianapolis. It involved the most delicate matters of domestic life, concerning which I have never spoken and never will. Gen. Harrison was Mr. Blaine's leading lawyer, and when he moved to dismiss the case without bringing it to trial, he assigned as a reason for doing so such a libel on the state, and on the court, that Judge Woods refused the paper containing it a place on his files. In that paper it was in substance alleged that a court, presided over by an intense Republican judge, with a Republican marshal and Republican jury commissioners, had become so debauched by the influences of political agitation, and by the recent Democratic victory, that a citizen of Maine could not secure a fair trial nor obtain justice in it, not, indeed, in any of the courts of Indiana. I do not know whether this letter was written by lawyer or client, nor does it matter; the presentation of it for permanent record was the crime against the honor of the

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none. I will not go into a discu
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the citizen of every class, as we
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ion. I expect to do so again be
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Terre Haute Evening Gazette
Mon., Aug. 6, 1888, pg. 4.

CHARLES CRUFT DOCUMENTS

Cruft Family File

To: David Lewis

Junel Davidsen

From: David Lewis [DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 8:43 AM
To: junel@mocovote.org
Subject: RE: Gen. Charles Cruft Documents

Hi, Junel!

I'm sorry but this library doesn't have any Cruft documents at all. We have a Cruft surname file that has some copies of Cruft obits that are a lateral line to the generals. After the Civil War Gen. Cruft was a prominent attorney here but he died in 1883 and I have no idea what might have become of his correspondence.

Gen. Cruft never married but he did have some survivors notably a niece who married here and became Mrs. C.F. Putnam. She died in Syracuse, NY in 1918. In turn Mrs. Putnam had a surviving niece, Mrs. Harry English. There is a Vigo Co. marriage record for a Florence S. Cruft who married Harry L. English on April 30, 1902. I have no idea what became of Mrs. English but would assume that she died by 1960. She would have been a grandniece of the general, I presume.

About 2 years ago I did the aforementioned research for a Katherine Lee, 57 Church Road, Sherman CT 06784. If I remember correctly I believe she told me she owned a chest or some other piece of furniture that once belonged to Gen. Cruft, but I don't know how she got it - whether she inherited it or perhaps purchased it.

I leave for FL very soon and will be back on Jan. 23rd.

I checked an inventory to the manuscripts of the Indiana State Library at Indianapolis but didn't see any listings for "Cruft".

1/11/2002:
Located (yahoo) listing for
Thomas Lee, 57 Church Rd
Sherman , CT (860) 350-3335 *

Sincerely,
David N. Lewis
SPC Research

Hello David,

Sending a copy of what I received from the National Archives in Wash. D.C.

I have also mailed a copy to Katherine Lee so that she might have some paperwork to go with the civil war chest.

Thanks for your help,
Junel

Her phone number above*

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Col Co., 31 Reg't Ind. Inf.

2 Enclosures.

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Burial Records
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Descriptive Lists
Discharge Certificates
Enlistment Papers

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Furloughs or L. of A.
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Orders
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Other papers relating to—

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See also

C **31** **Ind.**

Charles Cruft

Rank Col, 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Sept 5 to Oct 31, 1861.

Present or absent Not stated

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

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Charles Cruft

Rank Col, 31 Reg't Ind. Inf.

Age 34 years.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Terre Haute Nov 1, 1861.

Muster-in to date Sept 20, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Sept 3, 1861.

Where Terre Haute

Period During the War ~~years~~.

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100

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Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

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Charles Cruft
Col. 31" Ind. Vols.

Return

of the 5th Division, Department of the Ohio,
for part of the month of Jany, 1862
dated Calhoun, Ky.
Jany 15, 1862
shows the following with regard to the officer named above:

Post or station Calhoun, Ky.

Remarks: Comdg. 13" Brig.

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Charles Cruft

Rank Col, 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1862.

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

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Charles Cruft

Rank Colonel, 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Dated Dec 31, 1861.

Present or absent Not stated

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

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CASUALTY SHEET

OF WOUNDED.

Chs. Craft

Col. Company

31" Regiment of Ind.

Volunteers at the battle of

Fort Donelson.

Feb. 15. 1862.

CASUALTY SHEET.

Name, Charles Cruft.

Rank, Colonel, *Company* ...., *Regiment,* 31.

Arm, Inf., *State,* Ind^a.

Place of casualty, Pittsburg – Tenn..

Nature of casualty, Wounded – left thigh – head & shoulder – severely –

Date of casualty, April 6, or 7, 1862.

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

Report of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the 31, Ind. *Regiment,* ~~Brigade, Division, Corps, dated~~ in the battle of April 6, and 7, 1862; signed by Surg. Armstrong. 32, Ind. V.

Chas. E. Conner

12.19.78. *Clerk.*

C | 31 | Ind.

Charles Cruft

Rank Col., 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Mch & Apr, 1862

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: Wounded at Shiloh Apr. 6"

M O Roll next on which name appears.

From Second Auditor's Roll.

Book mark:

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(357) Copyist.

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Cruft

Col Commanding 13 Brigade

Return

of the Department of the Ohio,

for the month of Feby, 1862,

dated Louisville Ky

Feby 20, 1862,

shows the following with regard to the officer named above:

Post or station

Remarks:

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C | 31 | Ind.

Charles Cruft

Col

Return

of the 13" Brig 5" Division Department of the Ohio

for the month of Jany, 1862,

dated Calhoun, Ky

Feb 1, 1862,

shows the following with regard to the officer named above:

Post or station

Remarks: Commanding

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Charles Cruft

Col. , ~~Co.~~ , 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on **Returns** as follows:

Oct & Dec. 1861. Present.
Jan. 1862. Commanding 13 Brigade - Presence or absence not stated.
Feb. & Mch. 1862. Comdg 3 Brig 4 Div. Presence or absence not stated.
Apl. 1862. + Present - wounded severely on 6 inst in battle.
May 1862. absent wounded at Shiloh Apl 6 and has been unable to join his regt now at Pittsburg.
June 1862. absent - wounded in action at Pittsburg Landing and not yet recovered
Nov. 1862. (No remark)
A.G.O. Promoted to Brig Genl. July 16.62 vide Gen Vincent's Books.
+Signs return.

Book mark

Murray
(546) Copyist

C | 31 | Ind.

Charles Cruft

Rank Col, 31 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Age 33 years.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated Victoria Texas Dec 8, 1865.

Muster-out to date , 186 .

Last paid to June 30, 1862.

Clothing account:

Last settled , 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Due soldier $ 100; due U. S. $ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd $ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., $ 100

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: Enlisted the service as set forth. promoted to Brig. Genl ~~Aug 30 1862~~ also July 16" 1862 vide Genl Vincents Books#
Discharged.
#As on roll

Book mark:

Waddington
(360) Copyist.

C. | 31 | Ind

Chas Crofts.

Colonel

Return

of the 4th Division, Army of the Tennessee,
Department of the Mississippi,

for the month of March, 1862,

dated Near Pittsburg,

March 31, 1862,

shows the following with regard to the officer named above:

Post or station Pittsburg.

Remarks: Comdg. 3d Brigade.

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CASUALTY SHEET

OF WOUNDED.

Charles Cruft.

Colonel Company

31. Regiment of Ind^{a}.

Volunteers at the battle of Pittsburg.

April 6, & 7, 1862

(Shiloh)

CASUALTY SHEET.

Name, Chs. Craft

Rank, Col., *Company* —, *Regiment,* 31st

Arm, Infy., *State,* Indiana

Place of casualty, Fort Donelson

Nature of casualty, Wounded.

Date of casualty, Feb. 15. 1862.

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

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(See instructions page before completing this form)

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SECTION A. REQUIRED MINIMUM IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN - MUST BE COMPLETED OR YOUR ORDER CANNOT BE SERVICED

1. VETERAN (Give last, first, and middle names): CRUFT, Charles D.

◆ ***Please note: ARMY SERVICE ONLY.*** *See reverse of instructions page for information about Navy and Marine Corps service.*

2. STATE FROM WHICH HE SERVED: Indiana

3. WAR IN WHICH, OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH, HE SERVED: Sept. 20, 1861 thru Aug. 24, 1865

4. IF SERVICE WAS CIVIL WAR, ☑ UNION ☐ CONFEDERATE

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IF KNOWN

5. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment or number, company, etc., name of ship): 31st Indiana Infantry

6. IF SERVICE WAS ARMY, ARM IN WHICH HE SERVED: ☑ INFANTRY ☐ CAVALRY ☐ ARTILLERY If other, specify:

7. Rank: ☑ OFFICER ☐ ENLISTED

8. KIND OF SERVICE: ☑ VOLUNTEER (?) ☐ REGULARS

9. DATE OF BIRTH: Jan. 12, 1826

10. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, etc.): Terre Haute, Vigo Co, IN

11. DATE OF DEATH: Mar. 23, 1883

12. PLACE OF DEATH (City, County, State, etc.): Terre Haute, Vigo Co, IN

SECTION B. THIS SPACE IS FOR OUR REPLY TO YOU. PLEASE GO TO SECTION C

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DATE SEARCHED	SEARCHER	FILE DESIGNATION
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☐ A search was made but there are several soldiers with the same name who served from the same State. We are unable to determine which of them is your subject using the information that you provided. If you can provide the name and/or number of the specific unit in which the soldier served, we will be pleased to search again.

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☐ We did not locate a file which matches exactly the information that you provided, however, we did locate a compiled military service record for a soldier named____________________, who served in the __________ war in unit __________ __________. He enlisted __________ at __________. He discharged __________ at __________. He died __________ at __________. If this is your subject, please fill out the enclosed NATF form and resubmit.

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